

INFORMATION BULLETIN

R-1 OCCUPANCIES/APARTMENT SAFETY

Code Reference:

California Fire Code (CFC), 2001 Edition

California Building Code (CBC), 2001 Edition

Redding Municipal Code (RMC), Chapters 9 and 16

Title 19 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 740-744

NOTE: This bulletin is a summary of Fire Department interpretations of City and State Codes. Information contained herein applies to typical instances and may not address all circumstances.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCUPANCY: Hotels, motels, apartment houses and condominiums consisting of three or more units. Congregate residences (each accommodating more than 10 persons).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Six-inch address numbers shall be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property (CFC 901.4.4). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire protection equipment, such as fire extinguishers, fire alarm devices, etc., are properly identified and maintained (CFC 1001.5.1). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire alarm system is operable and has been serviced by a certified alarm company within the past year. A certification document shall be located by the fire alarm control panel (CFC 1001.4). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Single station smoke detectors shall be installed in all dwelling units (Health & Safety Code 13113.7). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire resistive construction and draft stop partitions shall be maintained (CFC 1111.1). |

- () () Exit stairways shall be maintained in accordance with the Building Code, and free from obstructions (CFC 1210.1 / CBC 1006 / CFC 1203).
- () () Combustible storage is prohibited under exit stairways (CFC 1210.3).
- () () Combustible storage is not permitted in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, heater closets, central heating rooms, or electrical rooms (CFC 1103.3.2.4).
- () () Rooms containing a boiler, central heating plant or hot water supply boiler shall be separated from the rest of the building by not less than a one-hour fire resistive occupancy separation (CBC 302.5).
- () () Gas appliances shall be kept free of dust and lint, and be clear of combustibles (CFC 1107.1).
- () () Gas appliances shall be vented to approved flues (CFC 1107.1).
- () () Accumulations of combustible material, of any kind, shall not be permitted to remain upon any roof or in any yard, vacant lot or open space (CFC 1103.2).
- () () Combustible rubbish, or waste material, kept within a building, shall be securely stored in metal or metal-lined receptacles equipped with tight-fitting covers (CFC 1103.2).
- EXCEPTION:** Approved non-metallic containers as described in CFC 1103.2.1.4.2.
- () () Combustible materials shall not be stored in attic, under floor and concealed areas or similar spaces.
- EXCEPTION:** Where protected on the storage side by one-hour fire resistive construction (CFC 1103.3.2.5).
- () () It shall be unlawful to park, store or repair any gasoline or gas-fueled equipment, vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or any other similar device in any dwelling unit, office, exitway or location that would create a fire or life hazard (CFC 1103.3.2.6).

- () () Gas meters, regulators and piping shall be protected when exposed to vehicle damage (CFC 1106).
- () () A key box shall be provided for access to: fire alarm panels, fire sprinkler controls, interior corridors, elevator controls, and utility areas (CFC 902.4).
- () () Emergency evacuation plans shall be conspicuously posted (Title 19, CCR, Section 3.09 / CFC 1303.3.5.2).
- () () Fixed extinguishing systems, installed in conjunction with cooking appliances, shall be serviced at least twice annually by a licensed contractor. All such installations shall be properly maintained as installed (CFC 1006.2.8).
- () () The required width of any exit, exit door, corridor or exit stairway shall not be obstructed or reduced by the installation of placement of any chair, equipment, or concessions (CFC 1203).
- () () No storage is permitted in any exit regardless of the width of such exit (Title 19 CCR 3.11.c).
- () () Doors leading into a one-hour corridor shall be self-closing, self-latching with no hold-open devices. Both doors and frames shall be 20-minute rated and labeled (CBC 1004.3.4.3.2.1).
- () () Exits shall not pass through kitchens, storerooms, restrooms, closets (CBC 1004.2.2).
- () () Low level exit signs shall be provided in corridors of buildings constructed after November 27, 1995 (CBC 1007.6.2).
- () () Illuminated exit signs, internally or externally illuminated, shall be required at all exit doors from rooms requiring two exits as specified in CBC Table 10, and where otherwise necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress (CFC 1212.4).
- () () Exit path illumination, with a backup emergency power supply, shall be provided to maintain one (1) footcandle at floor level when the occupant load exceeds 100 (CBC 1003.2.9.1).

- () () Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring (CFC 8506.1).
- () () Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, nor be subject to environmental damage or physical impact (CFC 8506.3).
- () () Frayed or hazardous wiring shall be prohibited. Plugs which are discolored or damaged by heat shall be replaced (CFC 8504).
- () () Storage shall not be permitted in electrical panel rooms (CFC 8509.1).
- () () Provide one (1) fire extinguisher, type 2-A 10:BC, for each 3,000 square feet. Travel distance from any point to the nearest extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet (T-19, CFC 1002.1).
- () () State Fire Marshal tag shall appear with the following service information: month, day, year last serviced, type service, licensed company's name (Title 19, CCR 597.3).
- () () Filters on heating equipment must be kept clean and maintained in a safe operating condition. Gas appliances to be kept free of dust (CFC 1107.1).
- () () All combustible rubbish, oily rags or waste material, when kept within a building or adjacent to a building, shall be securely stored in metal or metal-lined receptacles equipped with tight-fitting covers or in a room or vaults constructed of noncombustible materials (CFC 1103.2, 1103.2.1.3).
- () () Commercial dumpsters and containers with an individual capacity of 1.5 cubic yards or greater shall not be stored or placed within five (5) feet of combustible walls, openings or combustible roof eave lines (CFC 1103.2.2).
- () () Each circuit breaker switch shall be plainly labeled (CFC 8509.3).
- () () A sign shall be provided for the outside door of electrical control panel rooms (CFC 8509.3).

- () () Storage in buildings shall be orderly and maintained two (2) feet or more below the ceiling, and shall be so located as not to endanger exiting from the building (CFC 1103.3.2.2).

- () () Flammable liquid storage is limited to 10 gallons used for maintenance purposes and operation of equipment and stored in cabinets which comply with (CFC 7902.5.7.2).