

**REDDING FIRE DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY  
OCCUPANCY R2.2**

**Code Reference:**

**California Building Code(CBC), 2001 Edition, Section 310**

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. A residential care facility for the elderly who are bedridden must **not** be located above the first story (CBC 310.1.2). Restraints shall not be allowed (CBC 310.1.3). Exception: If constructed as a Group I Division 3.
2. A smoke detector is required in each sleeping room, and at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each separate sleeping area; and in sleeping rooms for persons with hearing impairment, visual fire alarm connected to the alarm and smoke detectors are required (CBC 310.9.4).
3. One manual pull station conforming to the California Electrical Code at a location approved by the Redding Fire Department must be installed. Such pull station shall be audible throughout the facility. These devices need not be interconnected to any other fire alarm device, electrically supervised or provided with emergency power (CBC 310.10.3).
4. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed (CBC 904.2.10.1).
5. Exiting through adjoining dwelling units shall not be permitted. (CBC 1007.6.3.2.1)
6. Occupancies of non-rated construction, and bedrooms used by non-ambulatory clients shall have access to at least one of the required exits which shall conform to one of the following:
  - A. Exits through corridor/hallway or area, and into a bedroom, (in the immediate area), which has an exit directly to the exterior. Bedroom doors used as exits shall have an exit sign. The color and design of lettering, arrows and other symbols on the exit sign shall be in high contrast with their background.

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- B. Exit through a corridor/hallway serving the sleeping area which exits directly to the exterior.
- C. Exit directly to the exterior.
- D. Exit through an adjoining bedroom which exits to the exterior.

**NOTE:** Exits shall **not** pass through kitchens, storerooms, closets or spaces used for similar purposes (CBC 1007.6.3.2.3).

- 7. Hallways must be a minimum of 44 inches in width (10 or less O.L. or ambulatory clients only 36 inches), and doorways must be a minimum of 32 inches in width.
- 8. Any change in level greater than 1/2-inch shall be accomplished by means of a ramp with 8.33% maximum slope.
- 9. Deadbolts are **prohibited**.
- 10. A 5 lb., Type A, B & C fire extinguisher is required, and must be mounted in a central location.
- 11. Occupancies having a floor area over 6,000 square feet shall be provided with separate smoke barrier (CBC 310.2.3).