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**RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY WITH SIX OCCUPANTS OR LESS
SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

References: California Fire Code

New and existing residential care facilities that have a change of ownership or category change shall bring residence up to current code requirements.

I. Requirements for All Categories

1. Address numbers on the home shall be visible from the street.
2. Thumb turn required on deadbolt lock on front entrance door.
3. Fire extinguisher (2A:10BC) shall be serviced, tagged and mounted.
4. Evacuation plan shall be posted in a common area.
5. Extension cords shall not be used in lieu of permanent wiring.
6. Outside gates shall have self-releasing hardware.
7. Garage (if attached to home) shall have a solid core (1-3/8") door with self-closure and no holes in the wall.
8. Door knobs must be able to unlock by single action.
9. Exit sign locations will be determined during inspection.

II. Ambulatory

1. Smoke alarms are required in each bedroom and common area outside sleeping rooms. Smoke alarms shall be interconnected with battery backup.
2. Carbon monoxide detector shall be mounted in common area outside sleeping rooms.

III. Non-Ambulatory

1. Exterior exit door must be provided in each room. Exceptions:
 - Client can exit from their bedroom through a door into an adjoining bedroom that has an exit to the exterior without entering the hallway.
 - Client can exit from their bedroom through the hallway or to an adjacent room provided that an exterior exit is in the hallway. The hallway door shall open in direction of travel, be self-closing and be 1-3/8" solid core door.
2. Smoke alarms are required in each bedroom and common area outside sleeping rooms. Smoke alarms shall be interconnected with battery backup.
3. Carbon monoxide detector shall be mounted in common area outside sleeping rooms.

IV. Bedridden

1. Entrance door into bedridden room shall be a solid core door (1-3/8") with self-closure and smoke gasket. Doors that stay in the open position must have a magnetic hold open device that releases upon activation of a smoke alarm.
2. Required second exit doors must open to the exterior and shall be openable with a keyed entry from the outside.
3. Smoke alarms are required in each bedroom and common area outside sleeping rooms. Smoke alarms shall be interconnected with battery backup.
4. Carbon monoxide detector shall be mounted in common area outside sleeping rooms.
5. More than one (1) bedridden client requires an approved sprinkler system. Sprinklered occupancies shall follow the requirements for Non-Ambulatory.