

**15-DAY COMMENT PERIOD
MODIFICATIONS TO EXPRESS TERMS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (OSFM)
REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY REFERENCE OF THE
2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC)
WITH AMENDMENTS INTO THE 2007 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE 24, PART 9.**

Legend for Express Terms:

1. **California amendment (CA) brought forward without modification:** *All language will appear in italics.*
 2. **California amendment (CA) brought forward with modification:** *All language will appear in italics, modified language is shown underlined.*
 3. **New CFC language with new California amendment (CA):** CFC language shown in normal Arial 9 pt. *California amendments to CBC text is shown underlined and in italics.*
 4. **New California amendment (CA):** *California language will appear underlined and in italics.*
 5. **Repealed language:** Shown as ~~Strikeout~~.
 6. **Amended, adopted or repealed language for the 15-day public comment:** Amended, adopted, or repealed language will appear in double underline and ~~double-strikeout~~.
 7. **IFC language proposed to be removed:** Shown as ~~Strikeout~~.
 8. **Notation:** Authority and reference citations are provided at the end of each section.
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CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION...

[B] Educational Group E. Educational Group E occupancy includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, by ~~six or more~~ than six persons at any one time for educational purposes through the 12th grade. Religious educational rooms and religious auditoriums, which are accessory to churches in accordance with Section 508.3.1 and have occupant loads of less than 100, shall be classified as A-3 occupancies.

(Relocated from 2001 CBC 305.1) **Exception:** *A residence used as a home school for the children who normally reside at the residence. Such residences shall remain classified as Group R-2, or Group R-3 Occupancies.*

Day care. The use of a building or structure, or portion thereof, for educational, supervision or personal care services for more than ~~five-six~~ children older than 2½ years of age, shall be classified as a Group E occupancy.

Exception: *A Daycare facility not otherwise classified as an R-3 Occupancy, where occupants are not capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from the staff shall be classified as Group I-4.*

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 1502, 13143
References: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143

[B] Group I-2. This occupancy shall include buildings and structures used for medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or custodial care on a 24-hour basis for more than ~~five-six~~ persons who are ~~not capable of self-preservation~~ classified as non-ambulatory or bedridden. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes (both intermediate care facilities and skilled nursing facilities)
- Mental hospitals
- Detoxification facilities

~~A facility such as the above with five or fewer persons shall be classified as Group R-3 or shall comply with the International Residential Code in accordance with Section 101.2.~~

A child care facility that provides care on a 24-hour basis to more than ~~five-six~~ children 2¹/₂ years of age or less shall be classified as Group I-2.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143
References: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143

[B] Group I-3. This occupancy shall include buildings or portions of buildings and structures that are inhabited by ~~more than five-one or more~~ persons who are under restraint ~~or security~~. An I-3 facility is occupied by persons who are ~~generally incapable of self-preservation due to security measures not under the occupants' control~~ restrained. This group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Correctional centers
- Detention centers
- Jails
- ~~Pre-release centers~~
- Prisons
- Reformatories
- Juvenile Halls

Condition 1. This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed from sleeping areas, and other spaces where access or occupancy is permitted, to the exterior via means of egress without restraint. A Condition 1 facility is permitted to be constructed as Group R. ~~(Not used)~~

Condition 2. This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed from sleeping areas and any other occupied smoke compartment to one or more other smoke compartments. Egress to the exterior is impeded by locked exits.

Condition 3. This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is allowed within individual smoke compartments, such as within a residential unit comprised of individual sleeping units and group activity spaces, where egress is impeded by remote-controlled release of means of egress from such a smoke compartment to another smoke compartment.

Condition 4. This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is restricted from an occupied space. Remote-controlled release is provided to permit movement from sleeping units, activity spaces and other occupied areas within the smoke compartment to other smoke compartments.

Condition 5. This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which free movement is restricted from an occupied space. Staff-controlled manual release is provided to permit movement from sleeping units, activity spaces and other occupied areas within the smoke compartment to other smoke compartments.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143
References: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143

[B] Group I-4, day care facilities. This group shall include buildings and structures occupied by persons of any age who receive custodial care for less than 24 hours by individuals other than parents or guardians, relatives by blood, marriage or adoption and in a place other than the home of the person cared for. A facility such as the above with ~~five~~ six or fewer persons shall be classified as a Group R-3 ~~or shall comply with the International Residential Code in accordance with Section 101.2~~. Places of worship during religious functions are not included.

Adult care facility. A facility that provides accommodations for less than 24 hours for more than ~~five~~ six unrelated adults and provides supervision and personal care services shall be classified as Group I-4.

~~**Exception:** A facility where occupants are capable of responding to an emergency situation without physical assistance from the staff shall be classified as Group A-3.~~

Child care facility. A facility that provides supervision and personal care on less than a 24-hour basis for more than ~~five~~ six children 2½ years of age or less shall be classified as Group I-4.

Exception: A child day care facility which provides care for more than ~~five~~ six but no more than 100 children 2½ years or less of age, when the rooms where such children are cared for are located on the level of exit discharge and each of these child care rooms has an exit door directly to the exterior, shall be classified as Group E.

Authority: Health and Safety Code Sections 1569.78, 13143
References: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143

Rationale:

OSFM is correlating these amendments which is derived from the amendments proposed to the IBC in Chapter 3 for Occupancy Classifications. The promulgation and format of the IFC and IBC necessitate this action. Code sections that have [B] in front of them are considered by the ICC Building Code Development Committee for the IBC and correlated into the IFC where necessary. OSFM is following the format of the code in these instances; where the primary code is the IBC and OSFM is proposing amendments to the section, those same amendments are correlated into the IFC as amendments.

CHAPTER 9

912.5 Backflow protection. The potable water supply to automatic sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be protected against backflow as required by the ~~International California Plumbing Code~~ Health and Safety Code 13114.7.

Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13143, 13114.7.
References: Health and Safety Code Sections 13143.

Rationale:

SFM is proposing this amendment to require backflow protection to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 13114. In addition SFM is proposing this amendment to change the term International to California. The amendment does not have a change in regulatory effect.

The actions described above are reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is proposed. The rationale for these actions is to establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in occupancies that are addressed in the 2006 International Fire Code and published as the 2007 California Building Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18949.2, 13108, 13113, 13114, 13131.5, 13143 and 17921.