



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	11-20-00	Interpretation #	00-019
Topic	<b>Accessibility Standards in Group R, Division 2 Occupancies</b>		
Code Section(s)	<b>Chapters 10 and 11, California Building Code (1998 ed)</b>		
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**In a Group R, Division 3 dwelling, it is the intent of the Code to require the following before it may house a Group R, Division 2.2.1 Occupancy:**

- 1. Interior “changes in level” ramps with handrails per CBC for access to common areas not in exit path;**
- 2. 32-inch wide doors to the bathroom, commode room, and other common use areas not in the exit path from the sleeping areas as noted in Section 1007;**
- 3. Consideration of every common-area door as a required exit door from that room;**
- 4. Lever hardware on the doors and gates.**

No. Single family dwellings are not subject to accessibility standards. It appears that you may be trying to apply Chapter 11 accessibility standards to the Chapter 10 exit requirements for Group R, Division 2 Occupancies. Common areas are specific to Chapter 11 only and not intended to be interchangeable with other sections of the Code.