



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Exiting in RCFE's		
Code Section(s)	§1007.6, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
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Are Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) which have six or fewer residents limited to direct exiting from each resident sleeping room?

No. RCFEs that house six or fewer ambulatory residents may have the type of exiting allowed for Group R, Division 3 occupancies (single family dwellings.) RCFEs that house six or fewer non-ambulatory residents may have any of the following types of exiting from each sleeping room:

- a. Direct exit to exterior from bedroom.
- b. Egress through an adjoining bedroom that has a direct exit to exterior.
- c. Egress through hallway/corridor that has an exterior exit
- d. Egress through a hallway/corridor or area and into a bedroom that has a direct exit to exterior.