



California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

Date Issued	06-08-04	Interpretation #	04-023
Topic	New Drug Rehabilitation/Alcoholic Recovery Centers		
Code Section(s)	§310, California Building Code (2001)		
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We have received an application to permit a new drug rehabilitation/alcoholic recovery center to be placed in an existing single- family dwelling (Group R, Division 3 occupancy). The center is not and will not be licensed by the State. The facility will be limited to six ambulatory adult clients for at least two weeks with overnight stay. The applicant claims the occupancy group for the center is Group R, Division 3(based on the number of ambulatory adults) and is not a Group R, Division 6.2.1 occupancy since the facility is not a licensed facility in accordance to the Sections 13133 and 13143 of the California Health and Safety Code. Please help us identify the correct occupancy type.

If a fire and life safety inspection is required, the Authority Having Jurisdiction must place the facility in the occupancy that it most nearly resembles. Even though the facility is not licensed, the description provided would indicate that this facility would most closely resemble a Group R, Division 6.2.1 occupancy.