



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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| Date Issued | July 12, 2005 | Interpretation # | 05-017 |
| Topic | Outpatient Surgical Clinic | | |
| Code Section(s) | 2001 California Building Code Section 304.1 & 308.1 | | |
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In determining the occupancy of an outpatient surgical clinic based on the number of "patients.....incapable of unassisted self-preservation," should the total number of available beds be used, or is the applicant's representation that not all beds will be used for anesthetized patients acceptable?

The total number of available beds should be used when determining the occupancy classification of an outpatient surgical center. This number includes the number of beds in the recovery area, the beds in the pre-op area if clients are anesthetized in this area, as well as the beds in the operating rooms.