



## California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Define "Immediate area"		
Code Section(s)	2001 CBC Section 1007.6.3.2.2		
Requested by	SFM Residential Care Advisory Committee 1131 S St. Sacramento CA, 95811		

*1007.6.3.2.2 In Divisions 2.1.1, 2.2.1 and 2.3.1 Occupancies which are of non-rated construction, bedrooms used by non-ambulatory clients shall have access to at least one of the required exits which shall conform to one of the following:*

- 1. Exits through a corridor/hallway or area and into a bedroom (in the immediate area) which has an exit directly to the exterior. Bedroom doors used as exits shall have exit signs complying with Section 1003.2.8.*
- 2. Through a corridor/hallway (serving the sleeping area which exits directly to the exterior).*
- 3. Direct exit from the bedroom to the exterior.*
- 4. Exit through an adjoining bedroom which exits to the exterior.*

**Please define, explain or clarify what is meant by "in the immediate area" as used in 1007.6.3.2.2.**

California Building Code Chapter 201.4 – Where the CBC does not provide a definition, "Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged" shall be considered as providing ordinary accepted meanings. The definition of "immediate" is direct, close at hand, or near.

For purposes of defining R2.1.1 and R.2.2.1 built and/or licensed prior to January 1, 2008, the intent of the wording 'into a bedroom (in the immediate area)' is the exiting through a bedroom which uses a corridor/hallway common with the bedroom being exited from.