



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

Date Issued	9/18/08	Interpretation	08-050
Topic	Residential Care Facility I-1		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Building Code Section 308.2		
Requested by	SFM Residential Care Advisory Committee		

For I-1 occupancies section 308.2 states “this occupancy may contain more than six non-ambulatory and/or bedridden clients”.

Was it the intent of the code due to the use of the word MAY to allow the AHJ the ability to deny an 850 fire clearance request for bedridden?

No. The intent of this section was not directed at the fire service. It was the intent of the code to allow the licensee the option of retaining non-ambulatory and/or bedridden in the facility as long as all the required fire & life safety requirements were met. If the code were to use the term “shall” in the sentence each facility would be required to retain bedridden clients in their facility.

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