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Division:	Building Division / Fire Prevention	Code Interpretation	FP-CI-043
Subject:	Residential Facilities for Groups	Effective Date:	05/02/2014
Code:	IBC Section 308, 310, NRS 449.017, NAC 449.1591, and NAC 449.1595.	Revised Date:	

A. CODE REQUIREMENT

IBC Section 308 defines occupancy classifications for care facilities. Uses ascribed to Residential Facilities for Groups are closely associated with I-1 and I-2 classifications from IBC 308. Patients receiving care in Residential Facilities for Groups are defined as either Category 1 (defined per NAC 449.1591) or Category 2 (defined per NAC 449.1595).

B. INTERPRETATION

Facilities that house only patients defined as Category 1 by NAC 449.1591 are to be classified in accordance with Sections 308.3, 308.3.1, and 308.3.2 of the IBC. Category 1 patients shall be considered capable of self-preservation as defined in the IBC.

Facilities that house only patients defined as Category 2 by NAC 449.1595 are to be classified in accordance with Sections 308.4 and 308.4.1 of the IBC. Category 2 patients shall be considered incapable of self-preservation as defined in the IBC

Minimum Occupancies for Residential Group Care Facilities

	< 5 receiving care	Between 6 and 16 patients receiving care	>16 receiving care
Category 1 (capable of self-preservation)	R-3	R-4	I-1
Category 2 (incapable of self-preservation)	R-3	I-2	I-2
Combination of Care	R-3	R-4 if Category 2 patients is <5; I-2 if Category 2 patients >6	I-1 if Category 2 patients is <5; I-2 if Category 2 patients >6

C. RATIONALE

There is confusion between locally adopted codes and state-adopted codes with respect to Residential Facilities for Groups (defined per NRS 449.017). This interpretation provides a means to associate the patient categories defined from state code to the occupancy classifications contained in the International Building Code, and to guide code users to the correct building and fire safety requirements for each particular facility.

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