

WAC 212-12-020 Additional boarding home requirements. (1)

Boarding home resident evacuation capability levels.

(a) Evacuation capability is the ability of the resident of a boarding home licensed by the department of social and health services under chapter 18.20 RCW to respond to an emergency situation and either evacuate the boarding home or move to a point of safety.

(b) Residents shall be classified in one of the following evacuation levels:

(i) Level I - Persons physically and cognitively capable of walking or traversing a normal pathway to safety, including the ascent and descent of stairs, and capable of self-preservation, without the physical assistance of another person.

(ii) Level II - Persons physically and cognitively capable of traversing a normal path to safety with the use of mobility aids, but unable to ascend or descend stairs without the physical assistance of another person.

(iii) Level III - Persons physically or cognitively unable to walk or traverse a normal path to safety without the physical assistance of another person.

(2) Residents with evacuation capabilities of Level II or Level III must reside on the grade level floor unless the boarding home receives written approval by the director of fire protection to house these residents on other floor levels.

(3) The boarding home must not admit or retain more than two residents with evacuation capabilities of Level II or Level III unless:

(a) The boarding home receives written approval by the director of fire protection to care for more than two residents with evacuation capabilities of Level II or Level III;

(b) The boarding home is divided into at least two smoke barrier compartments on each floor; and

(c) The boarding home has an operational automatic sprinkler system throughout the facility, unless the boarding home was initially licensed prior to July 1, 2007, and is licensed for six or fewer residents.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.20.130, 18.46.110, 18.51.140, 41.12.485, 48.48.030, 48.48.045, 70.62.290, 74.15.050. WSR 08-06-050, § 212-12-020, filed 2/28/08, effective 3/30/08. Statutory Authority: Chapter 19.27 RCW. WSR 02-16-023, § 212-12-020, filed 7/29/02, effective 8/29/02. Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.63A and 48.48 RCW. WSR 93-05-032 (Order 93-02), § 212-12-020, filed 2/16/93, effective 3/19/93.]