

**OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION OF CARE FACILITIES**

| Capability of Occupants  | Type of Care Facilities  | 1-5 Occupants  | 6-16 Occupants                                      | More Than 16 Occupants                   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| All capable of responding to emergency situation without assistance                                | Alcohol & drug center; assisted living; congregate care; group home; halfway house; residential board & care; social rehabilitation  | In 1-family dwelling<br>Within the scope of RCO <sup>e</sup>   | <b>R-4, Condition 1</b><br>Sec. 308.3.2 & 310.6.1.1 | <b>I-1 Condition 1</b><br>Sec 308.3.1.1  |
|  |  | Not in a dwelling<br><b>R-3</b><br>Sec. 310.5.1  |   |  |
|  |  | In 2- or 3- family dwelling<br><b>R-3<sup>a,e,f</sup></b><br>Sec. 310.5.2  |   |  |
| All capable of responding to emergency situation but with limited verbal or physical assistance    | Alcohol & drug center; assisted living; congregate care; group home; halfway house; residential board & care; social rehabilitation  | In 1-family dwelling,<br>Within the scope of RCO   | <b>R-4, Condition 2</b><br>Sec. 308.3.2 & 310.6.1.2 | <b>I-1 Condition 2</b><br>Sec 308.3.1.2  |
|  |  | Not in a dwelling<br><b>R-3</b><br>Sec. 310.5.1  |   |  |
|  |  | In 2- or 3- family dwelling<br><b>R-3<sup>a,e,f</sup></b><br>Sec. 310.5.2  |   |  |
| Any incapable of self-preservation   | Nursing homes; foster care facilities; facilities providing nursing and medical care but without emergency, surgery or obstetric services, or inpatient stabilization for psychiatric or detoxification. | In 1-, 2-, or 3-family dwelling,<br><b>R-2<sup>b,e,f</sup> or R-3<sup>b,e,f</sup></b><br>Sec. 310.4.1 or 310.5.2 | <b>I-2 Condition 1</b><br>Sec. 308.4.1.1            | <b>I-2 Condition 1</b><br>Sec. 308.4.1.1 |
|  |  | <b>R-2<sup>b,f</sup> or R-3<sup>b,f</sup></b><br>Sec. 308.4.2, 310.4.1 or 310.5.2                                |   |  |
|  | Hospitals; facilities providing nursing and medical care including emergency, surgery or obstetric services, or inpatient stabilization for psychiatric or detoxification.                               | <b>R-2<sup>b,f</sup> or R-3<sup>b,f</sup></b><br>Sec. 308.4.2, 310.4.1 or 310.5.2                                | <b>I-2 Condition 2</b><br>Sec. 308.4.1.2            | <b>I-2 Condition 2</b><br>Sec. 308.4.1.2 |
| Generally incapable of self-preservation due to security measures not under the occupant's control | Correction facilities, detention centers, jails, prerelease centers, prisons, reformatories  | Same as primary occupancy of building  | <b>I-3 Condition 1</b> Sec 308.5.1.1                |  |
|  |  |  | <b>I-3 Condition 2</b> Sec 308.5.1.2                |  |
|  |  |  | <b>I-3 Condition 3</b> Sec 308.5.1.3                |  |
|  |  |  | <b>I-3 Condition 4</b> Sec 308.5.1.4                |  |
|  |  |  | <b>I-3 Condition 5</b> Sec 308.5.1.5                |  |

**LESS THAN 24 HOURS**

| Age and Capability of Occupants  | Type of Care Facilities            | 1-5 in a Dwelling Unit   | 1-5 Occupants   | 6 or More Occupants                                |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Capable of self-preservation, receiving personal care services only      | NOT a care facility                | Same as primary occupancy of building  |   |  |
| Capable of self-preservation with limited verbal or physical assistance  | Adult day care                     | Not in a dwelling, in a dwelling unit<br><b>R-3<sup>f</sup></b><br>Sec.310.5.1 | Same as primary occupancy of building<br>Sec. 308.6.2 & 308.6.3 | <b>I-4</b><br>Sec. 308.6                           |
| Incapable of self-preservation   |                                    |  |   |  |
| 2½ years or less and older where incapable of self-preservation          | Day care; adult care               | <b>R-3<sup>d</sup></b><br>Sec. 308.6.4   | Same as primary occupancy of building<br>Sec. 308.6.2 & 308.6.3 | <b>I-4<sup>c,d</sup></b><br>Sec. 308.6             |
| Older than 2½ years and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or younger                | Day care, child care, education    | <b>R-3<sup>a</sup></b><br>Sec. 305.2.3   | Same as primary occupancy of building<br>Sec. 305.2.1 & 305.2.2 | <b>E<sup>c,d</sup></b><br>Sec 305.1,305.2, 308.6.1 |
| Any age – Capable of self-preservation receiving medical care            | Outpatient clinic; doctor's office | NP, Change of Occupancy  | <b>B</b><br>Sec. 304.1  | <b>B</b><br>Sec. 304.1                             |
| Any age – Rendered incapable of self-preservation receiving medical care | Ambulatory care facility           | NP, Change of Occupancy  | <b>B</b><br>Sec. 304.1 & 422                                    | <b>B</b><br>Sec. 304.1 & 422                       |

**FAMILY DAY CARE HOME**

| Type of Home                | Numbers and Ages Provided Care                             | Type of Home  | In a Dwelling Unit                 |
|-----------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| Type A Family Day Care Home | 4 to 12 Children ≥4 under 2-years old and ≥1 not a sibling | In permanent residence of administrator not residence of children | Exempt from the rules of the Board |

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| Type A Family Day Care Home | 7 to 12 Children Under 6-years old and $\geq 1$ not a sibling                                | In permanent residence of administrator not residence of children | Exempt from the rules of the Board |
| Type B Family Day Care Home | 1 to 6 Children Under 6 years old with $\leq 3$ under 2 years old and $\geq 1$ not a sibling | In permanent residence of administrator not residence of children | Exempt from the rules of the Board |

- a. May comply with the construction requirements of the Residential Code of Ohio.
- b. May comply with the construction requirements of the Residential Code of Ohio provided an automatic sprinkler system is installed in accordance with OBC Sections 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2, 903.3.1.3, or Section 2904 of the RCO.
- c. Rooms or spaces within places of religious worship; classified as part of the primary occupancy – usually A-3.
- d. Floors in day care facilities where more than five but no more than 100 infants or toddlers (i.e. children 2 ½ years and younger) can be classified as Group E provided rooms used as such are on the level of exit discharge and have exit door directly to exterior *for which the exit access and exit discharge do not require the traversing of stairs* (Sec 308.6.1).
- e. When the dwelling is used exclusively as a care facility for an aggregate of five or fewer receiving care.
- f. If the building has shared exits, the building shall be classified Group R-2 unless the shared exits are not required exits.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY.** A building or portion thereof used to provide medical, surgical, psychiatric, nursing or similar care *for fewer than twenty-four hours per day* to persons who are rendered incapable of self-preservation by the services provided.

**CARE FACILITY.** *A building or portion of a building that is held out to the public for and intended to provide all the following: (1) Housing or accommodation; (2) Personal, custodial, or medical care; and (3) A supervised environment. Care provided in a dwelling or dwelling unit which is the permanent residence of the care provider is not a care facility.*

**CUSTODIAL CARE.** Assistance with day-to-day living tasks; such as assistance with cooking, taking medication, bathing, using toilet facilities and other tasks of daily living. Custodial care includes persons receiving care who have the ability to respond to emergency situations and evacuate at a slower rate and/or who have mental and psychiatric complications. *Persons who receive custodial care may or may not require assistance with evacuation depending on the occupancy and/or the “condition” in the occupancy.*

**DWELLING.** *Any building that exclusively contains one, two, or three dwelling units, each of which may be occupied by a family and no more than five lodgers or boarders, intended, or designed to be built, used, rented, leased, let or hired out to be occupied, or that is occupied for living purposes, physically separated from adjacent structures, and with an independent exit from each dwelling unit.*

**MEDICAL CARE.** Care involving medical or surgical procedures, nursing or for psychiatric purposes.

**OUTPATIENT CLINIC.** A building or portion thereof used to provide medical care *for fewer than twenty-four hours* to persons who are not rendered incapable of self-preservation by the services provided.

**PERSONAL CARE SERVICE.** The care of persons who do not require medical care. Personal care involves responsibility for the safety of the persons while inside the building.

**INCAPABLE OF SELF-PRESERVATION.** Persons who, because of age, physical limitations, mental limitations, chemical dependency or medical treatment, cannot respond as an individual to an emergency situation *to complete building evacuation.*

**I-1, R-4**

**Condition 1.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which all persons receiving care who, without any assistance, are capable of responding to an emergency situation to complete building evacuation.

**Condition 2.** This occupancy condition shall include buildings in which there are any persons receiving care who require limited verbal or physical assistance while responding to an emergency situation to complete building evacuation.

**Commentary:** Both Groups I-1 and R-4 occupancies include "conditions" to cover the variety of acuity and ability levels of custodial care recipients. Groups I-1 and R-4, Condition 1 match requirements from previous editions of the code for Group 1-1 and R-4, before conditions were included. The intent of the conditions was to address concerns that some residents may need limited assistance or verbal direction to evacuate.

In Groups I-1 and R-4, Condition 2 facilities, assistance with evacuation can occur because of care recipients' physical or mental limitations, or both.

Condition 1 care recipients may be slower during evacuation, but all are capable of emergency evacuation without any physical assistance from others.

Condition 2 care recipients are also slower to evacuate and include any care recipients who may require limited assistance during evacuation. Group I-1/R4, Condition 2 integrates additional protection features. The Condition 2 assistance with evacuation *includes help getting out of bed and into a wheelchair or to a walker, or help initiating ambulation*. It includes continued physical assistance getting out of the building from a sleeping room, apartment, or other rooms during an emergency. Assistance with evacuation includes assisting persons who may have resistance or confusion in response to an alarm, or require help with instructions. It can also include help for persons with short periods of impaired consciousness intermittently due to medications or illness. Custodial care Group 1-1/R-4, Condition 2 evacuation assistance does not include moving occupants in beds or stretchers during emergencies, as is allowed in Group 1-2 medical care or when protected with a defend-in-place method of safety.