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Section 420

Question:

Two questions. First, does a 6 bed group home for kids count as R-3 or R-4? Second question, relating to section 420, if the home for 6 children has a 13D sprinkler system and full fire alarm system, does it need fire rated walls and floors?

Answer

Question 1: R-4, assuming the group home is as defined by the code.

Question 2: Section 420 is not applicable because the occupancy class is R-4.

Commentary:

Look at sections 310.5 and 310.6 to determine which Occupancy Code applies to a specific application when applying the Building Code. If there is a question, a discussion should be had with the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.

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