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Section 903.2.6

Question:

Is it the intent of section 903.2.6 FBC, exception 3 not to required fire sprinkler system where Day Care facilities are at the level of exit discharge and every room where care is provided has at least one exterior exit door?

Answer

Under 308.6.1, if a day care center provides care of 100 or less children of 2 1/2 years or less of age and the rooms are on the level of exit discharge and each room exits directly to the exterior, it is a Group E occupancy.

If the day care center does not meet this exception for classification as a Group E, then table 1016.2 would be applicable as an I-4 and fire sprinklers would be required.

Commentary:

It appears there is a conflict between Table 1016.2 and 903.2.6 Exception 4 and that the provision providing the greatest degree of life safety should apply. the Design Professional, Fire Official and Building Official should have that discussion.

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