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2021 International Fire Code – Sections for Expedited Rulemaking **(For Reference Only)**

BLUE – Existing amendment

RED – Proposed modifications to existing amendments

BLUE UNDERLINED – Proposed new amendment

WAC 51-54A-0202 General definitions.

SECTION 202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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 may receive limited verbal or physical assistance. These care recipients may evacuate at a slower rate and/or who have mental and psychiatric complications.

LIMITED VERBAL OR PHYSICAL ASSISTANCE. Persons who, because of age, physical limitations, cognitive limitations, treatment or chemical dependency, and may not independently recognize, respond or evacuate without limited verbal or physical assistance during an emergency situation. Verbal assistance includes prompting, giving and repeating instructions. Physical assistance includes assistance with transfers to walking aids or mobility devices and assistance with egress.

Residential Group R. Residential Group R includes, among others, the use of a building or structure, or a portion thereof, for sleeping purposes when not classified as an Institutional Group I or when not regulated by the *International Residential Code*. This group shall include:

No changes to R-1 and R-2.

R-3 Residential occupancies where the occupants are primarily permanent in nature and not classified as Group R-1, R-2, **R-4**, or I, including:

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~~**R-4** Classification is not adopted. Any reference in this code to R-4 does not apply.~~

~~**403.9.3 Group R-4 occupancies.** This section not adopted.~~

WAC 51-54A-1017 Exit access travel distance.

**Table 1017.2
Exit Access Travel Distance^a**

Occupancy	Without Sprinkler System (feet)	With Sprinkler System (feet)
A, E, F-1, M, R, S-1	200 ^e	250 ^b
I-1	Not Permitted	250 ^b
B	200	300 ^c
F-2, S-2, U	300	400 ^c
H-1	Not Permitted	75 ^d
H-2	Not Permitted	100 ^d
H-3	Not Permitted	150 ^d
H-4	Not Permitted	175 ^d
H-5	Not Permitted	200 ^c
I-2, I-3	Not Permitted	200 ^c
I-4	150	200 ^c

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

- ^a See the following sections for modifications to exit access travel distance requirements:
- Section 402.8 of the *International Building Code*: For the distance limitation in malls.
 - Section 407.4 of the *International Building Code*: For the distance limitation in Group I-2.
 - Sections 408.6.1 and 408.8.1 of the *International Building Code*: For the distance limitations in Group I-3.
 - Section 411.2 of the *International Building Code*: For the distance limitation in special amusement areas.
 - Section 412.6 of the *International Building Code*: For the distance limitations in aircraft manufacturing facilities.
 - Section 1006.2.2.2: For the distance limitation in refrigeration machinery rooms.
 - Section 1006.2.2.3: For the distance limitation in refrigerated rooms and spaces.
 - Section 1006.3.4: For buildings with one exit.
 - Section 1017.2.2: For increased distance limitation in Groups F-1 and S-1.
 - Section 1030.7: For increased limitation in assembly seating.
 - Section 3103.4 of the *International Building Code*: For temporary structures.
 - Section 3104.9 of the *International Building Code*: For pedestrian walkways.
 - Section 4901: For fixed guideway and passenger rail stations.
- ^b Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2. See Section 903 for occupancies where automatic sprinkler systems are permitted in accordance with Section 903.3.1.2.
- ^c Buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.
- ^d Group H occupancies equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.2.5.1.
- ^e Group R-3 and R-4 buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3. See Section 903.2.8 for occupancies where automatic sprinkler systems are permitted in accordance with Section 903.3.1.3.

WAC 51-54A-1019 Reserved ~~Section 1019—Exit access stairways and ramps. 1019.3~~

~~Occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3.~~ In other than Groups I-2 and I-3 occupancies, floor openings containing exit access stairways or ramps shall be enclosed with a shaft enclosure constructed in accordance with Section 713 of the *International Building Code*.

- EXCEPTIONS:
1. Exit access stairways and ramps that serve or atmospherically communicate between only two stories. Such interconnected stories shall not be open to other stories.
 2. In Group R-1, R-2, or R-3 occupancies, exit access stairways and ramps connecting four stories or less serving and contained within an individual dwelling unit or sleeping unit or live/work unit.
 3. Exit access stairways serving and contained within a Group R-3 congregate residence or a Group R-4 facility are not required to be enclosed.
 4. Exit access stairways and ramps in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, where the area of the vertical opening between stories does not exceed twice the horizontal projected area of the stairway or ramp and the opening is protected by a draft curtain and closely spaced sprinklers in accordance with NFPA 13. In other than Group B and M occupancies, this provision is limited to openings that do not connect more than four stories.
 5. Exit access stairways and ramps within an atrium complying with the provisions of Section 404 of the *International Building Code*.
 6. Exit access stairways and ramps in open parking garages that serve only the parking garage.
 7. Exit access stairways and ramps serving smoke-protected or open-air assembly seating complying with the exit access travel distance requirements of Section 1030.7.
 8. Exit access stairways and ramps between the balcony, gallery or press box and the main assembly floor in occupancies such as theaters, places of religious worship, auditoriums, and sports facilities.
 9. Exterior exit access stairways or ramps between occupied roofs.