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STATE BUILDING CODE OPINION 25-NOV01

CODE: **2021 International Building Code**

SECTION: **903.2.3**

QUESTION 1: When calculating the occupancy load of a childcare center in accordance with SB 5655 and RCW 19.27.600, how is the area for only the childcare center delineated from other existing building areas?

ANSWER: A dedicated space used as a child care center within an existing building is required to provide a fire barrier to determine the occupant load of the fire area.

SUPERSEDES: None

REQUESTED BY: 2025 BFRW Committee

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