



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS GROUP R-2 OCCUPANCY

Emergency planning and preparedness requirements focus on helping people know what to do during a fire or other emergency. While buildings are designed with safety features such as sprinklers, fire-resistant construction, and clearly marked exits, these systems work best when occupants are prepared to respond quickly and correctly. The Fire Code requires organizations to develop emergency plans, provide training, and practice fire, evacuation, and lockdown procedures on a regular basis. Preparing occupants in advance reduces confusion, improves safety during an emergency, and helps first responders do their jobs more effectively. The following are requirements for Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Group R-2 Occupancies per Chapter 4 of the 2025 California Fire Code.

EMERGENCY GUIDE

Fire emergency guides shall be provided for Group R-2 occupancies. (CFC 403.9.2.2)

Guide contents

A fire emergency guide shall describe the location, function and use of fire protection equipment and appliances available for use by residents, including fire alarm systems, smoke alarms and portable fire extinguishers. Guides shall include an emergency evacuation plan for each dwelling unit. (CFC 403.9.2.2.1)

Emergency guide maintenance

Emergency guides shall be reviewed and approved by the fire code official.

Emergency guide distribution

A copy of the emergency guide shall be given to each tenant prior to initial occupancy.