

5122-33-10 Building and fire safety requirements for adult group homes.

(A) Before an adult group home may be licensed the home shall be inspected and approved by, and have a certificate of occupancy from, a local, certified building department or by the department of commerce as meeting the applicable requirements of Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under them. In the case of a license renewal, if any alterations to the buildings have been made since the most recent license was issued, the home shall have a certificate of occupancy for the home issued by the department of commerce or a local, certified building department.

(B) Before an adult group home may be licensed and annually thereafter, the home shall be inspected by the state fire marshal or fire prevention officer of a municipal, township, or other legally constituted fire department approved by the state fire marshal and found to be in compliance with rules adopted under section [3737.83](#) of the Revised Code regarding fire prevention and safety in adult group homes.

(C) Each adult group home shall develop a written evacuation procedure which shall be explained to each resident of the home. The manager and any other individuals working in the home shall be trained in facility fire emergency and evacuation procedures as well as how to secure emergency assistance in the event of fire, medical emergency, or other crises. The facility shall ensure that each individual working in the home completes fire emergency and evacuation training within three working days after beginning employment with the facility.

(D) Each adult group home shall locate non-ambulatory individual's bedrooms on a floor that exits to ground level. As used in this paragraph, "non-ambulatory" means that the individual has any of the following conditions:

- (1) The individual is unable to get in and out of bed independently;
- (2) The individual is unable to walk without physical assistance from another individual; or
- (3) The individual requires a wheelchair.

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