

# GROUP HOME APPROVAL FORM FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

## Appendix A: Group Home Approval Checklist

Division of Health Service Regulation

**Note for Building Inspector:** This is an **optional** form that may be used as an attachment to the Form 428-BI *Group Home Approval Form for Building Inspector*.

**DHSR Construction Section Project Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Facility Name:</b> _____
<b>Applicant's Name:</b> _____
<b>Facility Street Address:</b> _____
<b>City:</b> _____ <b>Zip code:</b> _____

**APPROVED**  
**YESNO**

**GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**

- There must be no obvious general safety and/or structural defects. The wood structure must be sound and dry, with no mildew smell, wet insulation, or standing water in the crawl space.
- There must be no exterior portals for vermin to enter the home (holes in soffits or fascia, missing foundation vents, etc)
- All decks, floors, porches, steps and railings (inside and outside) must be safe and in good repair.
- Provide a minimum two remote exits at each floor and arranged to minimize the possibility that both may be blocked by any one fire or other emergency. On the ground floor, provide at least one door three feet wide and one door at least two feet-eight inches wide.
- Interior ceiling heights must be a minimum seven feet-six inches high.
- Interior wall and ceiling finish shall be Class A, B or C. Fire retardant paints shall be renewed at such intervals as necessary to maintain the required finish rating if applicable.
- All required windows and doors must be easily operable from the inside for ventilation and escape purposes.

**FOR HOMES WITH NONAMBULATORY RESIDENTS**

- Either:** 1-hour fire-resistant construction including all walls, partitions, floors and ceilings, and 1.75 inch solid wood core bedroom doors; **Or:** sprinklered with a wet-pipe system in accordance with NFPA 13D with a 30-minute water supply including sprinkler protection in toilets, closets, pantries, storage and utility spaces. Sprinkler system to be monitored per Section 903.4 (Exception 1, is not applicable).
- Exit stairways either exterior unenclosed or interior enclosed on each level with 1-hour fire-resistant construction and a self-closing 20-minute labeled door. Other interior stairways enclosed on one floor level with one - hour fire-resistant construction and a self-closing 20-minute labeled door.
- Any incidental use areas (as defined by Table 509) enclosed with one-hour fire-resistant construction and a self-closing 20-minute labeled door or provided with sprinklers and smoke-resistant separation from other areas.
- Provide a fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72. Provisions shall be made to activate the internal evacuation alarm at all required exits.
- Interior wall and ceiling finish of gypsum wallboard, plaster or other noncombustible material.

**APPROVED**  
**YESNO**

**PLUMBING**

- Hot water tank pressure relief valve is piped to a safe location

