



GILBERT FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL GROUP HOMES Annual Inspection Fee required

Group Home: Definition - a residential care institution licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services, which provides supervisory care, personal care or custodial care services to not more than 10 individuals who are unrelated to the manager or owner of the home and who require the assistance of not more than 1 person to walk or to transfer from a bed, chair, toilet, but who are able to self propel a wheel chair.

1-5 Residents: Residential Group Homes for ambulatory, non-restrained persons, who may have a mental or physical impairment (each accommodating not more than 5 clients or residents, excluding staff) are classified as R-4 Occupancy and are subject to the following requirements: Residential fire sprinkler system (Modified 13D). Carbon monoxide alarms: For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in *dwelling units* within which fuel-fired *appliances* are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages. Fire Extinguishers: Provide 1 portable fire extinguisher minimum rated 2A 10 BC. Travel distance from any point in the building not to exceed 75 feet. Emergency Escape: Two exit doors that comply with Section 425 of the 2012 IBC (amended). Exit doors must be side hinge, be 3 feet in width and 6 feet 8 inches in height. Exception: Secondary exit may be a slider. (IBC 1008.1.2 amended).

6 to 10 Residents: Residential Group Homes for ambulatory, non-restrained persons, who may have a mental or physical impairment (each accommodating more than five and not more than 10 clients or residence, excluding staff) are classified as R-4 occupancies and are subject to the following requirements: Residential fire sprinkler system (Modified 13D). An approved automatic and manual fire alarm system shall be provided. Carbon monoxide alarms: For new construction, an approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms in *dwelling units* within which fuel-fired *appliances* are installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages. Fire Extinguishers: Provide 1 portable fire extinguisher minimum rated 2A 10 BC. Egress Illumination: Any time the building is occupied, the means of egress shall be illuminated at an intensity of not less than 1 foot candle at the floor level. Travel distance from any point in the building not to exceed 75 feet. The path of exit travel to and within a building shall be identified by exit signs. Two exit doors that comply with Section 425 of the 2012 IBC (amended). Exit doors must be side hinge, be 3 feet in width and 6 feet 8 inches in height. Exception: Secondary exit may be a slider. (IBC 1008.1.2 amended).

Basements, habitable attics and every sleeping room shall have at least one operable emergency escape and rescue opening.



Where emergency escape and rescue openings are provided they shall have a sill height of not more than 44 inches (1118 mm) measured from the finished floor to the bottom of the clear opening. Minimum opening area: All emergency escape and rescue openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (0.530 m²).

Minimum opening height: The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches (610 mm).
Minimum opening width: The minimum net clear opening width shall be 20 inches (508 mm).

Exception: *Grade* floor openings shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5 square feet (0.465 m²).

These are the major items however this list is not all inclusive.

To request a fire inspection, please complete the Day Care/Group Home application form, print and bring a completed application to the Fire Administration address below with the appropriate fee. Once the application is received our personnel will call the phone number or e-mail provided to schedule the inspection.

Fire Administration, 85 E Civic Center Dr, Gilbert, AZ 85296

- Residential Day Care: \$26
- Residential Group Home: \$50

ALL NEW GROUP HOMES OR HOMES WHICH CHANGE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR NUMBERS OF RESIDENTS, MUST SUBMIT TO THE TOWN OF GILBERT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR NEW LICENSES AND PERMITS. ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THESE TYPES OF ISSUES SHALL BE DIRECTED TO (480) 503-6700.