

## NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF FIRE PREVENTION

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## **Congregate Family Living Facility Requirements 4-6 Guests**

A **Congregate Family Living Facility** is defined as a building or part thereof that contains sleeping rooms where residents share the entire structure and live, cook and function together as a single housekeeping unit.

Every "Congregate Family Living Facility" <u>must</u> further have originated as a private residence, shall be limited to no more than two (2) stories in height and shall not exceed two thousand five hundred (2,500) <u>gross</u> square feet.

All "Congregate Family Living Facilities" require smoke and carbon monoxide alarms installed in accordance with the regulations and standards of Chapter 24 of the 2018 RI Life Safety Code. (See the Congregate Family Living Facility Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements)

There shall be approved detection in each sleeping room.

All "Congregate Family Living Facilities" with a capacity of **between four (4) and six (6) guests** shall meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Interconnected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72, 2019 Edition. (See the Congregate Family Living Facility Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements for specifics)
- **2.)** Emergency lighting shall be installed in any corridors and/or stairways greater than eight feet (8') in length.
- **3.)** Externally illuminated exit signs shall be installed. (Exit sign illuminated by nearby light source)
- **4.)** An evacuation plan, containing alternative emergency egress routes, shall be presented to the local fire authority for approval, and upon approval shall be posted in every sleeping room.