

13 VAC 5-51 STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE (amending 13 VAC 5-51-132)

13 VAC 5-51-132. IFC Chapter 4. Emergency Planning and Preparedness.

A. Add Section 401.1.1 to read:

401.1.1. State Regulated Care Facilities: when a state license is required by the Virginia Department of Social Services; Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; Virginia Department of Education; or Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice to operate, SRCF shall comply with this section and the provisions of Section 404.0.

B. Add item 12 to Section 404.2 to read:

12. SRCF.

C. Add exception to Section 405.1 to read:

Exception: Emergency evacuation drills shall not be conducted in school buildings during periods of mandatory testing required by the Virginia Board of Education.

~~C. D.~~ Add the following category to Table 405.2 to read:

| Group or occupancy | Frequency ^a | Participation |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| SRCF | Monthly | All occupants |

~~D. E.~~ Add Section 405.2.1 to read:

405.2.1. High-rise buildings. Fire exit drills shall be conducted annually by building staff personnel or the owner of the building in accordance with the fire safety plan and shall not affect other current occupants.

~~E. F.~~ Add Section 408.1.1 to read:

408.1.1. Maintaining occupant load posting. Occupant load postings required by the building code are required to be maintained.

~~F. G.~~ Change Section 408.2 to read:

408.2. Group A occupancies. Group A occupancies shall comply with applicable requirements of Sections 408.2.1 through 408.2.3 and 401 through 406.

~~G. H.~~ Add Sections 408.2.3, 408.2.3.1 and 408.2.3.2 to read:

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408.2.3. Night clubs. Night clubs shall comply with Sections 408.2.3.1 and 408.2.3.2.

408.2.3.1. Audible announcements. Audible announcements shall be made to the occupants no longer than 10 minutes prior to the start of the entertainment and at each intermission to notify the occupants of the location of the exits to be used in the event of a fire or other emergency.

408.2.3.2. Occupant load count. Upon request of the fire code official, the owner or operator, or both, will be required to keep a running count of the occupant load to provide to the fire code official during performance hours of operation, entertainment hours of operation, or both.

I certify that this regulation is full, true and correctly dated

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Date