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CHAPTER 760 Nursing and Boarding Care Homes

760.10 EXIT SIGNS.

- (a) Exit signs or lights are required only when more than twelve persons are housed.
- (b) Signs bearing the word "exit" shall be placed at each egress doorway, except at doors of patient or resident-occupied rooms entering upon common use corridors or passageways, and shall be so installed as to be legible from the direction of travel thereto. Where such doorways and signs are not readily discernible from patient or resident-occupied room doorways, an adequate number of additional signs shall be provided bearing the term "exit" with an arrow pointing in the direction of such exit.
- (c) Exit signs shall bear letters at least four and one-half inches in height with strokes not less than three-fourths of an inch in width.
- (d) All exit and directional signs shall be maintained clearly legible by electric illumination or other adequate means when natural light fails.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.11 ILLUMINATION OF EXIT PASSAGES.

Adequate facilities shall be provided for the lighting of all corridors, stairways and egress passages at all times.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.12 STORAGE OF GASES.

- (a) Storage rooms for combustible anesthetics shall be constructed of an assembly of building materials with a minimum fire-resistant rating of one hour, and shall not communicate directly with an operating, delivery, anesthesia or furnace room, or any room containing an open flame or spark-producing device.
- (b) Oxygen and nitrous oxide shall not be stored in the same room with any combustible anesthetic agent such as cyclopropane, divinyl ether, ethyl chloride, ethyl ether, ethylene, vinethlene or vinyl ether.
- (c) Provision shall be made for racks or fastening to protect cylinders from accidental damage or dislocation.
- (d) No open flame, smoking or spark-producing device shall be permitted within a room in which combustible anesthetics or compressed oxygen is used or stored.
- (e) All rooms in which combustible anesthetics are stored shall be individually ventilated to the exterior.
- (f) Oxygen and nitrous oxide of a total capacity in excess of 1500 cubic feet, when located within the building shall be enclosed in a separate rooms or enclosure within a room with a minimum fire-resistant rating of at least one hour. The manifold enclosure shall be individually vented to the outside.
- (g) Oxygen and nitrous oxide of a total capacity of less than 1500 cubic feet shall be stored in rooms or in an enclosure within a room. The rooms or enclosures do not have to be vented to the outside but the doors to such rooms or enclosures shall be provided with louvers at the top and

bottom.

(h) Rooms or enclosures for combustible or nonflammable gases shall not be used for storage purposes other than for the cylinders containing the gases. Storage of empty cylinders pending their removal is permissible.

(i) Electrical wall fixtures in oxygen and nitrous oxide storage rooms shall be installed in fixed locations not less than five feet above the floor to avoid physical damage.

(j) In storage locations for combustible anesthetics the electrical wiring and equipment shall comply with the explosion-proof requirements of the 1968 edition of the National Electrical Code. (Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.13 FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, STORAGE AND USE.

(a) Flammable liquids shall be stored in suitable buildings, rooms or compartments used for no other purpose and shall be constructed of building materials having a minimum fire-resistant rating of one hour.

(b) Flammable liquids shall be stored in and used from approved metal safety cans or containers.

(c) Benzine, benzol, gasoline, naphtha and their compounds shall not be stored in any basement, cellar or pit.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

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(a) All nursing or boarding care homes shall be provided with approved fire extinguishers for each 2500 square feet of floor area or fractional part thereof, adequate for the conditions involved and suitably located.

(b) All rooms and enclosures containing heating and cooking appliances shall be provided with approved fire extinguishing equipment. Such fire extinguishers shall not be placed in close proximity to fire units or in any other position affecting their availability in the event of a fire.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.15 FIRE HOSE AND STANDPIPES.

(a) Fire hose and standpipes shall be required on all new construction over two stories high. All fire hose couplings shall conform to the size, thread and pattern adapted to the standpipe installed.

(b) The number of standpipes shall be such that all parts of every floor area can be reached within thirty feet by a nozzle attached to 100 feet of hose connected to a standpipe.

(c) Standpipes shall be so located that they are protected against mechanical and fire damage with outlets within stairway enclosures as near the stairway as possible or outside or immediately inside of the exterior walls within one foot of a fire tower or exterior stairway or fire escape.

(d) Standpipes shall be installed in accordance with approved standards and maintained in readiness for use at all times.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.16 SPRINKLERS REQUIRED.

(a) Nursing homes or boarding care homes which are occupied by bed patients or by ambulatory patients and residents shall be protected throughout, including stairways, closets, basements, cellars, attics, storage rooms and chutes, by a system of automatic sprinklers installed and maintained in accordance with approved standards.

(b) Water-flow alarms shall be provided on all sprinkler installations. Central station water-flow alarm service is desirable but central station water-flow alarm service does not necessarily waive the local alarm requirement.

(c) When a sprinkler system is installed plans shall be submitted to the State Fire Marshal for

approval before installation is made.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.17 HAZARDOUS OCCUPANCIES.

No motor vehicle or other device which may cause or communicate fire, which vehicle or device is not necessary for patient or resident treatment or care, shall be stored within a nursing home or boarding care home. All such devices and materials necessary for use within the building shall be used with reasonable care for safety from fire and shall be used by trained personnel. (Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.18 LOCATION NEAR FLAMMABLE LIQUID STORAGE TANKS.

No nursing home or boarding care home shall be located within eighty-five feet of underground or 300 feet of aboveground storage tanks containing flammable liquids used in connection with a service station, garage, bulk plant or marine terminal or bottling plant of a liquefied petroleum gas installation.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.19 ATTENDANTS.

(a) There shall be an attendant or attendants on duty or on call at all times.

(b) The number of attendants required shall be sufficient to perform the duties required under the evacuation plan.

(c) Attendants as required herein shall be at least eighteen years of age and capable of performing the required duties of evacuation. No person other than the management or an employee of the management shall be considered as an attendant.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.20 EVACUATION PLAN.

(a) Each nursing or boarding care home shall formulate and post a plan for the protection of all patients and residents in the event of fire and for their evacuation to areas of refuge or from the building when necessary. All employees shall be instructed and kept informed regarding their duties under the evacuation plan.

(b) On request, the State Fire Marshal will arrange for instruction in fire equipment and evacuation of patients and residents.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.21 SMOKING. (REPEALED)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Former Section 760.21 was repealed by Ordinance 28-07, passed March 13, 2007.)

760.22 HOUSEKEEPING.

The entire premises shall be kept clean and in a tidy condition, free from accumulation of combustible debris or other waste material.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.23 ELECTRICAL WIRING.

All electrical wiring, appliances, fixtures and equipment shall be installed to comply with the Ohio Building Code and the 1984 edition of the National Electrical Code.

760.24 FIRE PROTECTION.

Fire protection shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal's Department. Approval by the State Fire Marshal of the fire protection for a nursing or boarding care home shall be a prerequisite for licensing.

(Ord. 45-64. Passed 10-15-64.)

760.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

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