

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Thomas V. Burke, P.E., Director of Operations

SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF C26-1703.1(k) H-2 OCCUPANCY PATIENTS ROOMS

Section C26-1703.1(k) of the Building Code requires all corridors and exit passageways in H occupancies be sprinklered. In addition, patients rooms in H-2 occupancies require smoke detectors installed in accordance with C26-1703.2. "Such smoke detectors system shall be of the supervisory type connected to an approved central station."

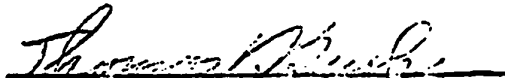
Reference Standard 17-3 (Standards for Installation of Fire Sprinkler, etc., Alarm and Extinguishing Systems) by cross reference provides standards for the installation of smoke detectors - paragraph 13 sub.(n) and (o).

The requirements for installation of smoke detectors in patients rooms of H-2 occupancies may be waived provided the entire building is sprinklered. Sprinkler heads designed to operate at a temperature of 135° F shall be used in patients rooms. These heads shall also be used for other rooms used by patients and shall include sleeping rooms, lounges, lobbies, rehabilitation, recreation, treatment rooms.

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Section C26-1703.1(k) for installation of smoke detectors or a waiver by installation of a sprinkler system shall apply to occupancies used for the care of persons with physical limitations because of health or age; and shall include hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, sanitariums, health related facilities, domicilliary care facilities, proprietary homes for adults, nurseries with overnight facilities.


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