



Washington State Patrol
Fire Protection Bureau
Phone: (360) 596-3900

Business Name	Spring Creek Retirement & AL Community	Provider Number	1913
Address	223 E BAKERVIEW RD .	Approval Status	Disapproved
City, State, Zip	Bellingham, WA 97226	Facility Type	Residential Care

On 09/25/2023 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
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1 Extension Cords

Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 817. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances. Extension cords marked for indoor use shall not be used outdoors. (IFC 604.5 2018)	Corrected
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2 Tags

When a commercial kitchen hood or duct system is inspected, a tag containing the service provider name, address, telephone number and date of service shall be provided in a conspicuous location. Prior tags shall be covered or removed. (IFC 607.3.3.3.1 2018)	The following violations were observed: The kitchen hood cleaning tag is not installed on the hood.
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3 Hanging Displays

The hanging and displaying of salable goods and other decorative materials from acoustical ceiling systems that are part of a fire-resistance-rated horizontal assembly shall be prohibited. (IFC 701.2.1 2018)	The following violations were observed: The general store has decorations hanging from acoustical ceiling system.
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4 Penetrations - Maintaining Protection

Materials and firestop systems used to protect membrane and through penetrations in fire-resistance-rated construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be maintained. The materials and firestop systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction being penetrated with no openings visible through or into the cavity of the construction. Where the system design number is known, the system shall be inspected to the listing criteria and manufacturer's installation instructions. (IFC 703.1 2018)	The following violations were observed: There was two 18 inch by 24 inch holes in the ceiling of the 2nd floor Laundry where a leak has been repaired but the ceiling fire barrier has not been repaired.
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Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
5 Inspection and Maintenance	
Opening protectives in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protectives in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protectives and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified. (IFC 705.2 2018)	The following violations were observed: Resident room doors # 318 and # 209 are equipped with unauthorized magnet hold open devices that are not connected to the fire alarm system, preventing it from automatically closing and latching.
6 Door Operation	
Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically. (IFC 705.2.4 2018)	The following violations were observed: The fire rated door from the memory care activity room to the corridor would not close and latch from a fully open position.
7 Duct and Air Transfer Openings - Maintaining Protection	
Dampers protecting ducts and air transfer openings shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Other products or materials used to protect the openings for ducts and air transfer openings shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction containing the duct or air transfer opening, without visible openings through or into the cavity of the construction. Any damaged products or materials protecting duct and air transfer openings shall be repaired, restored or replaced. (IFC 706.1 2018)	The following violations were observed: Facility is unable to provide documentation for the 4 year fire and smoke damper inspection.
8 Testing and Maintenance	
Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with Section 901. (IFC 903.5 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018)	The following violations were observed: 1. Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual sprinkler system inspection. 2. Facility is unable to provide documentation for the 3 year dry system full flow trip test.



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9 Extinguishing System Service	
Automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be serviced not less frequently than every six months and after activation of the system. Inspection shall be by qualified individuals, and a certificate of inspection shall be forwarded to the fire code official upon completion. (IFC 904.12.5.2 2018)	The following violations were observed: Facility is unable to provide documentation for the semi-annual kitchen suppression system servicing.
10 Maintenance	
Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced. (IFC 915.6 2018)	Corrected
11 Means of Egress Continuity	
The path of egress travel along a means of egress shall not be interrupted by any building element other than a means of egress component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel. (IFC 1003.6 2015, 2018)	Corrected
12 Reliability	
Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress. (IFC 1030.2 2015, 2018)	Corrected



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13 Nonexit Identification

Where a door is adjacent to, constructed similar to and can be confused with a means of egress door, that door shall be identified with an approved sign that identifies the room name or use of the room.

(IFC 1031.5 2018)

Corrected

14 Maintenance

Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required.

(IFC 1203.4 2018)

The following violations were observed:

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual servicing of the emergency generator.

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 10/25/2023

Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative

Signature

Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Brandon G. Brown
16778 146 ST SE
Monroe WA 98272
(360) 791-7037

Signature

Initials of Authorized Facility Representative: _____



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September 25, 2023

Peter Day
Maintenance Director
Spring Creek Retirement & AL Community
223 E BAKERVIEW RD
Bellingham WA 97226

The Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an annual fire and life safety inspection of Spring Creek Retirement & AL Community.

Initial Inspection

During the inspection, we identified a number of violations.
We provided a copy of the inspection report to the facility.
The inspection report outlined each violation and items to correct prior to a reinspection, scheduled on or after September 23, 2023.

Required Reinspection

- Today we conducted a reinspection of Spring Creek Retirement & AL Community.
- During the reinspection, one or more of the violations identified during the initial inspection remained uncorrected.

These two inspections found this facility failed to gain and maintain compliance as required by state law. These violations place the residents, staff, and visitors at risk.

Required Follow-Up

- The facility administrator shall submit a letter to Deputy State Fire Marshal Brandon G. Brown, 16778, 146, ST, Monroe, WA 98272 within 30 days. The letter shall explain, in detail, how the code violations were corrected and indicate the facility is ready for a final reinspection.
- Upon receipt of the letter, the Deputy State Fire Marshal will conduct a final reinspection.
- If the letter is not received by the time specified, we shall notify the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Residential Care Services Division of the failure to correct violations. We will recommend enforcement action against the facility. Enforcement actions available to DSHS under RCW 18.20.190 include civil fines, stop placements, and license suspension or revocation.
- If the option chosen by DSHS is a license revocation, a new fire and life safety inspection will be required prior to recommending relicensure.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Brandon G. Brown at (360) 791-7037.

Letter Received By:

cc: Residential Care Services
Enclosures

Letter Issued By:
Deputy State Fire Marshal
Brandon G. Brown



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On 08/24/2023 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

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(IFC 604.5 2018)

The following violations were observed:

There was an extension cord utilized as permanent wiring in the 2nd floor activities closet.

2 Tags

When a commercial kitchen hood or duct system is inspected, a tag containing the service provider name, address, telephone number and date of service shall be provided in a conspicuous location. Prior tags shall be covered or removed.

(IFC 607.3.3.3.1 2018)

The following violations were observed:

The kitchen hood cleaning tag is not installed on the hood.

3 Hanging Displays

The hanging and displaying of salable goods and other decorative materials from acoustical ceiling systems that are part of a fire-resistance-rated horizontal assembly shall be prohibited.

(IFC 701.2.1 2018)

The following violations were observed:

The general store has decorations hanging from acoustical ceiling system.

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(IFC 703.1 2018)

The following violations were observed:

There was two 18 inch by 24 inch holes in the ceiling of the 2nd floor Laundry where a leak has been repaired but the ceiling fire barrier has not been repaired.

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(IFC 705.2 2018)

The following violations were observed:

1. Facility is unable to provide documentation that the annual fire door inspection has been completed.
2. Resident room doors # 318 and # 209 are equipped with unauthorized magnet hold open devices that are not connected to the fire alarm system, preventing it from automatically closing and latching.

6 Door Operation

Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically.

(IFC 705.2.4 2018)

The following violations were observed:

The fire rated door from the memory care activity room to the corridor would not close and latch from a fully open position.

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Dampers protecting ducts and air transfer openings shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Other products or materials used to protect the openings for ducts and air transfer openings shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction containing the duct or air transfer opening, without visible openings through or into the cavity of the construction. Any damaged products or materials protecting duct and air transfer openings shall be repaired, restored or replaced.

(IFC 706.1 2018)

The following violations were observed:

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the 4 year fire and smoke damper inspection.

8 Testing and Maintenance

Sprinkler systems shall be tested and maintained in accordance with Section 901.

(IFC 903.5 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018)

The following violations were observed:

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Facility Type Residential Care

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9 Extinguishing System Service

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(IFC 904.12.5.2 2018)

The following violations were observed:

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the semi-annual kitchen suppression system servicing.

10 Maintenance

Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced.

(IFC 915.6 2018)

The following violations were observed:

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the monthly carbon monoxide detector testing.

NFPA 720 8.7.1 Single - and multiple-station carbon monoxide alarms and all connected appliances shall be inspected and tested in accordance with the manufacturer's published instructions at least monthly.

11 Means of Egress Continuity

The path of egress travel along a means of egress shall not be interrupted by any building element other than a means of egress component as specified in this chapter. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress component except projections permitted by this chapter. The minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel.

(IFC 1003.6 2015, 2018)

The following violations were observed:

There was a broken chair blocking the emergency exit in the memory care unit.

12 Reliability

Required exit accesses, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the building area served by the means of egress is occupied. An exit or exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose that interferes with a means of egress.

(IFC 1030.2 2015, 2018)

The following violations were observed:

There was a large stuffed animal on the floor of the 2nd floor hallway creating a tripping hazard near the exit doorway.



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14 Maintenance	
Emergency and standby power systems shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 110 and NFPA 111 such that the system is capable of supplying service within the time specified for the type and duration required. (IFC 1203.4 2018)	The following violations were observed: Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual servicing of the emergency generator.

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 09/23/2023

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Owner or Authorized Representative

Signature

RAYMOND BOV
Print Name and Title

MAINTENANCE

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