



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

Business Name	Amber Waves Boarding Home	Provider Number	2324
Address	302 E ASH ST,	Approval Status	Approved
City, State, Zip	Waterville, WA 98858	Facility Type	Residential Care

On 5/15/2024 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement	Statement of Violation
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1 Admin Complaint

COMPLAINT # 130641

Here's a complaint of locked and blocked exits

Please include the answers to the following questions in your report in FDM.

1. The cause of the fire?
2. If the sprinklers were activated?
3. If there was an evacuation / how many were evacuated?
4. If there were injuries / how many?
5. Did the fire department respond? Yes, No

On May 15, 2024, a site inspection was completed at Amber Waves Boarding home located at 302 E. Ash Avenue, Waterville, Washington. The site inspection was regarding a complaint of obstructed egress, locked exit doors, and housekeeping concerns within the kitchen and cooking operations. At 1455hrs I approached the main entrance to the two-story facility and rang the bell to request entry. I was not able to reach anyone inside, so I proceeded to call the owner (June Skinner) by phone, in which she answered and allowed entry. Once inside the facility, the doorbell plug-in was disconnected from the wall electrical outlet. June stated a contractor was in earlier that day to repair the doorbell unit and it had been accidentally disconnected.

The front entrance to the upper level consists of double doors which enter a vestibule to another set of double doors. The upper floor level consists of a common room area, dining room, kitchen, corridor to the resident rooms, and a laundry room. There are four exits on this floor; the front entrance, double doors from the dining room, a single man door from the corridor, and a single man door from the resident room located through the laundry room.

The basement level consists of a garage, storage area, riser room, and has a single man door exit from the garage to the exterior lower driveway.

Items below were not applicable to this complaint:

1. The cause of the fire? N/A
2. If the sprinklers were activated? N/A
3. If there was an evacuation / how many were evacuated? N/A
4. If there were injuries / how many? N/A
5. Did the fire department respond? N/A

The following violations noted on this report were observed.

Initials of Authorized Facility Representative:



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2 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 2021)

The following violation was observed:

The main exit door to the upper level floor was obstructed by three recliner chairs and a small end table. (corrected)

The exit from the resident room that is located through the laundry room was obstructed by a twin bed. (corrected)

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3 Controlled Egress Doors in Groups I-1 and I-2

Electric locking systems, including electromechanical locking systems and electromagnetic locking systems, shall be permitted to be locked in the means of egress in Group I-1 or I-2 occupancies where the clinical needs of persons receiving care require their containment. Controlled egress doors shall be permitted in such occupancies where the building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or an approved automatic smoke or heat detection system installed in accordance with Section 907, provided that the doors are installed and operate in accordance with all of the following:

The following violation was observed:

The codes to the exit doors on the upper level were not updated or operable and were obstructing emergency egress. (corrected)

Notation: The basement exit door did not require a code to egress and was not obstructed.

1. The doors shall unlock on actuation of the automatic sprinkler system or automatic smoke detection system.
2. The door locks shall unlock on loss of power controlling the lock or lock mechanism.
3. The door locking system shall be installed to have the capability of being unlocked by a switch located at the fire command center, a nursing station or other approved location. The switch shall directly break power to the lock.
4. A building occupant shall not be required to pass through more than one door equipped with a controlled egress locking system before entering an exit.
5. The procedures for unlocking the doors shall be described and approved as part of the emergency planning and preparedness required by Chapter 4 of the International Fire Code.
6. There is a system, such as a keypad and code, in place that allows visitors, staff persons and appropriate residents to exit. Instructions for exiting shall be posted within six feet of the door.
7. All clinical staff shall have the keys, codes or other means necessary to operate the locking systems.
8. Emergency lighting shall be provided at the door.
9. The door locking system units shall be listed in accordance with UL 294.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Items 1 through 4 and 6 shall not apply to doors to areas where persons, which because of clinical needs, require restraint or containment as part of the function of a psychiatric treatment area.

2. Items 1 through 4 and 6 shall not apply to doors to areas



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where a listed egress control system is utilized to reduce the risk of child abduction from nursery and obstetric areas of a Group I-2 hospital. (IFC 1010.1 9.7 2021 WAC 51-54A)	

Next inspection scheduled on or after:

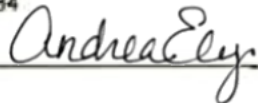
Right of appeal. Any person may appeal any decision made by the Fire Protection Bureau in accordance with WAC 212-12.

Owner or Authorized Representative


Signature

June Skinner owner
Print Name and Title

Deputy State Fire Marshal Andrea Ely
2715 RUDKIN RD
Union Gap WA
(509) 531-3384


Signature

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