



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

Business Name	Merrill Gardens at Kirkland	Provider Number	2587
Address	201 KIRKLAND ,	Approval Status	Approved
City, State, Zip	Kirkland, WA	Facility Type	Residential Care

On 03/23/2026 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

All violations noted during previous related inspection(s) have been corrected.

Owner or Owner's Representative


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Business Name	Merrill Gardens at Kirkland	Provider Number	2587
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On 02/17/2026 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement

Statement of Violation

1 Appliance Connection to Building Piping

Gas-fired commercial cooking appliances installed on casters and appliances that are moved for cleaning and sanitation purposes shall be connected to the piping system with an appliance connector listed as complying with ANSI Z21.69/CSA 6.16. The commercial cooking appliance connector installation shall be configured in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Movement of appliances with casters shall be limited by a restraining device installed in accordance with the connector and appliance manufacturer's instructions.

(IFC 606.4 2021)

The gas appliances on casters in the kitchen are not limited by a restraining device.

2 Owner's Responsibility

The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and Sections 602.4.1 and 602.4.2 of the International Building Code. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space.

(IFC 701.6 2021)

Facility is unable to provide documentation that the annual fire resistance rated construction material inspection has been completed.

3 Door Operation

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

(IFC 705.2.4 2021)

The fire rated door from the elevator near 324 to the corridor would not close and latch from a fully open position.

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4 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)

As per documents provided the 4 year fire and smoke damper testing conducted on 6/21/2023 had deficiencies noted that have not been corrected. 5 dampers failed testing.

5 Obstructed Locations

Automatic sprinklers shall be installed with regard to obstructions that will delay activation or obstruct the water distribution pattern and shall be in accordance with the applicable automatic sprinkler system standard that is being used. Automatic sprinklers shall be installed in or under covered kiosks, displays, booths, concession stands or equipment that exceeds 4 feet (1219 mm) in width. Not less than a 3-foot (914 mm) clearance shall be maintained between automatic sprinklers and the top of piles of combustible fibers.

Exception: Kitchen equipment under exhaust hoods protected with a fire-extinguishing system in accordance with Section 904.

(IFC 903.3.3 2021)

The sprinkler head in the walk-in freezer had boxes and food obstructing the flow pattern of the sprinkler.

6 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

The maintenance and testing schedules and procedures for fire alarm and fire detection systems shall be in accordance with Sections 907.8.1 through 907.8.5 and NFPA 72. Records of inspection, testing and maintenance shall be maintained.

(IFC 907.8 2021)

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the monthly single station smoke alarm testing.

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7 Smoke Detector Sensitivity

Smoke detector sensitivity shall be checked within one year after installation and every alternate year thereafter. After the second calibration test, where sensitivity tests indicate that the detector has remained within its listed and marked sensitivity range (or 4-percent obscuration light grey smoke, if not marked), the length of time between calibration tests shall be permitted to be extended to a maximum of 5 years. Where the frequency is extended, records of detector-caused nuisance alarms and subsequent trends of these alarms shall be maintained. In zones or areas where nuisance alarms show any increase over the previous year, calibration tests shall be performed.

(IFC 907.8.3 2021)

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the required smoke detector sensitivity testing.

8 Emergency Power for Illumination - General

In the event of power supply failure in rooms and spaces that require two or more exits or access to exits, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:

1. Aisles
2. Corridors
3. Exit access stairways and ramps

(IFC 1008.3.1 2021)

The emergency egress light 32N near 406 would not illuminate when the test button was pressed.

9 Internally Illuminated Exit Signs

Electrically powered, self-luminous and photoluminescent exit signs shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 924 and shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and Section 1203. Exit signs shall be illuminated at all times.

(IFC 1013.5 2021)

The internally illuminated exit signs near 221 would not illuminate when the activation test button was pushed.

10 Power Test

Battery-powered emergency lighting equipment shall be tested annually by operating the equipment on battery power for not less than 90 minutes.

(IFC 1031.10.2 2021)

Facility is unable to provide documentation for the annual 90 minute power test for the emergency lights.

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11 Fire Drills

In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state and inspected by the state fire marshal's office, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year.

(1) Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift in Group I and Group R2, Occupancies and monthly in Group E Occupancies to familiarize personnel with signals and emergency action required under varied conditions.

(2) A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection.

(3) When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms.

1. Facility cannot provide documentation for the completion of twelve planned and unannounced fire drills in the previous 12 months.

The following Drills are missing.

1st Shift - Quarter 1 and 2

2nd Shift - Quarter 1, 2, and 4

3rd Shift - Quarter 3

2. No list of participants listed for November and December 2025.

3. Facility is count actual alarms as drills for January 2026, June and October 2025, which does not meet the requirements of a planned drill.

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 03/19/2026

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