



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

Business Name Merrill Gardens at Renton Centre
Address 104 BURNETT AVE N,
City, State, Zip Renton, WA 98055

Provider Number 2598
Approval Status Approved
Facility Type Residential Care

On 08/12/2025 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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On 04/23/2025 the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducted an inspection at your facility.

Code Requirement

Statement of Violation

1 Administration

On 4/23/2025 an unannounced Fire and Life Safety Code inspection was conducted at Merrill Gardens at Renton by a representative of the Washington State Patrol, State Fire Marshal's Office to determine compliance with all applicable codes.

The following deficiencies were cited as a result of this inspection:

2 Clearance From Ignition Sources

Clearance between ignition sources, such as luminaries, heaters, flame-producing devices and combustible materials, shall be maintained in an approved manner.

(IFC 0305.1 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

There were combustibles placed on the stove top in the Community Room. - 1st floor

3 Location Near Combustibles

Open flames such as from candles, lanterns, kerosene heaters and gas-fired heaters shall not be located on or near decorative material or similar combustible materials.

(IFC 308.1.5 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility had a lit candle on a table surrounded by combustibles in the Community room.

4 Religious Ceremonies

Participants in religious ceremonies shall not be precluded from carrying hand-held candles. See RCW 19.27.031(3).

308.1.7.1 Aisles and exits. Candles shall be prohibited in area where occupants stand, on in an aisle or exit

Exception: Candles used in religious ceremonies.

(IFC 308.1.7 2021 WAC 51-54A)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility had a religious ceremony occurring; there was a lit candle on the table (not in participants hands) While the facility can participate in Religious ceremonies it is important they take into account where they perform it. The room they had the candle lit was smoky and may cause the smoke alarm to trigger.

5 Open electrical terminations

Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes.

(IFC 603.2.2, 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

There is an open junction box exposing internal wiring at the main entrance by the fire panel on the wall.



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6 Relocatable power taps and current taps

Relocatable power taps and current taps. The construction and use of current taps and relocatable power taps shall be in accordance with NFPA 70 and this code.

(IFC 603.5, 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The following locations have appliances plugged into power strips:

1. Resident room 524
2. Resident room 652
3. Select Rehab room

7 Listing

603.5.1 Listing. Relocatable power taps shall be listed in accordance with UL 1363. Current taps shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 498A.

(IFC 603.5.1, 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The following locations have unapproved multi plug adapters in use:

1. Resident room 550 - behind cabinet by the bed
2. Resident room 260 - behind recliner

8 Application and Use

603.5.2 Application and use. Relocatable power taps and current taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.

Exceptions:

1. Where approved for use in a Group A occupancy or in a meeting room in a Group B occupancy, not more than five relocatable power taps shall be permitted to be connected together or connected to an extension cord for temporary use to supply power to electronic equipment.
2. Current taps and relocatable power taps shall not be required to connect directly to a permanently installed receptacle outlet where used for 90 days or less for the purpose of testing the performance of such devices.

(IFC 603.5.2, 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

Resident room 524 has a power strip connected to another power strip.



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9 Extension Cords

Extension cords. Extension cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring and shall be listed and labeled in accordance with UL 817. Extension 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 603.6 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility has unapproved extension cords in use in the following locations:

1. Resident room 534
2. Salon on the 2nd floor.
3. Resident room 210

10 Door Operation

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

(IFC 705.2.4 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The salon door failed to close and latch when tested. - 2nd floor

11 Inspection, Testing and Maintenance

Fire protection and life safety systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times, and shall be replaced or repaired where defective. Nonrequired fire protection and life safety systems and equipment shall be inspected, tested and maintained or removed in accordance with Section 901.8.

(IFC 901.6 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The kitchen line area has a loaded sprinkler head.

12 Testing and Maintenance

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

(IFC 903.5 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility was unable to provide a correction report for the deficiency found on annual inspection report dated of 11/27/2024.



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13 Unobstructed and Unobscured

Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

(IFC 906.6 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

Fire extinguisher was obstructed in the following locations:

1. Rooftop on the 7th floor - by the grill.
2. Kitchen by the storage area.

14 Unobstructed and Unobscured

Manual fire alarm boxes shall be provided with ready access, unobstructed, unobscured and visible at all times.

(IFC 907.4.2.6 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The manual pull stations were obstructed in the following locations:

1. Stair East B Exit
2. Loading dock exit area

15 Maintenance

Smoke control systems shall be maintained to ensure to a reasonable degree that the system is capable of controlling smoke for the duration required. The system shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and Sections 909.20.1 through 909.20.6.

(IFC 909.20 2021)

The following violation was observed at the time of inspection:

The facility's smoke control confidence test shows deficiencies.

16 Rooms and Spaces

In the event of power supply failure, and emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate all of the following areas:

1. Electrical equipment rooms.
2. Fire command centers.
3. Fire Pump rooms
4. Generator rooms
5. Public restrooms with an area greater than 300 square feet (27.87 m2).

(IFC 1008.3.3 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

Emergency lighting missing on the 1st floor electrical room where transfer switch is located.



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17 Door Operations

Except as specifically permitted by this section, egress doors shall be readily operable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

(IFC 1010.2 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The emergency egress door facing William Ave. S failed to open when tested.

18 Width and Capacity

The required capacity of exit passageways shall be determined as specified in Section 1005.1 but such width shall not be less than 44 inches (1118 mm), except that exit passageways serving an occupant load of less than 50 shall not be less than 36 inches (914 mm) in width. The required width of exit passageways shall be unobstructed.

Exception: Encroachments complying with Section 1005.7.

(IFC 1024.2 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

Protruding objects reducing means of egress width observed on following locations:

- Kitchen exit by dry storage room.
- Underground garage by maintenance workshop.

19 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 2021)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility was unable to provide documentation for their generator fuel testing.



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20 Fire Drills

In all Group I, Group E, and Group R2 Occupancies licensed by the state, at least twelve planned and unannounced fire drills shall be held every year. 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. A detailed written record of all fire drills shall be maintained and available for inspection at all times. When drills are conducted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., a coded announcement may be used instead of audible alarms. Fire drills shall include the transmission of a fire alarm signal and simulation of emergency conditions. The fire alarm monitoring company shall be notified prior to the activation of the fire alarm system for drill purposes and again at the conclusion of the transmission and restoration of the fire alarm system to normal mode.

(WAC 212-12-044)

The following violations were observed at the time of inspection:

The facility was unable to provide documentation for a fire drill on NOC shift for the forth quarter of 2024.

Next inspection scheduled on or after: 05/23/2025

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