



RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

What is a Residential Care Home? A residential care home is a home that provides 24-hour nonmedical care for six or fewer persons 18 years of age or older, or emancipated minors, with chronic, life-threatening illness in need of personal services, protection, supervision, assistance, guidance, or training essential for sustaining the activities of daily living, or for the protection of the individual. This classification includes rest homes, residential care facilities for the elderly, adult residential facilities, wards of the juvenile court, and other facilities licensed by the State of California.

Who lives in a Residential Care Home? Mentally disordered or handicapped persons, dependent and neglected children, elderly persons, and persons recovering from alcoholism or substance abuse.

Who can operate such a home? A person who has obtained a State License can operate a residential care home. Such a facility can be operated as a for-profit business or a non-profit business. The license is obtained through the State of California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD), located at 3737 Main Street, Suite #600, Riverside, CA 92501, (951) 782-4207.

Where can a person operate such a home in a City? California law states that a care home is a residential use and shall be allowed in all residential zones. This means that a person can operate such a facility in a single-family home. Counties or Cities cannot prohibit them through zoning regulations.

Will there be too many facilities in a City? CCLD regulates the concentration and spacing of such facilities.

Does a person who operates a Residential Care Home need a permit, a business license, or to meet any requirements from a City? A permit or business license is not required because of the preemption by State law; however, the home must meet the life safety requirements from the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District.

What can you do if you feel that there are too many Residential Care Homes in a neighborhood? You can contact CCLD at the above listed address and phone number to voice your objections.