



**Property Owners' Association**

September 15, 2005

The Department of Public Safety  
Fire Marshal's Office  
115 Calella Road  
Hot Springs Village, Ar. 71909

To whom it may concern;

An item of public safety has recently come to my attention—"Occupant Overcrowding in Residential Rental Properties." Public safety is a constant concern to everyone, especially those who deal with it on an everyday basis.

With that thought in mind, I am requesting that all local Residential rental agencies follow the established "safety standards for occupancy" set forth in the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code (AFPC), 2002. I have attached a copy, in part, of the "standard of occupancy" for your review and your files. The heavy influx of storm evacuees from the Southern coastline has certainly put local rental housing at a premium. We need to offer our visitors a helping hand, but we also need to help keep them as safe as possible.

Your help in keeping this matter within compliance now and in the future will be appreciated. If I may be of assistance to you, please call my office at 501-922-1660.

Cordially;

Gary Wokaty  
Hot Springs Village Fire Marshal  
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TABLE 1003.2.2.2  
MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA ALLOWANCES PER OCCUPANT

OCCUPANCY	FLOOR AREA IN SQ. FT. PER OCCUPANT
Agricultural building	300 gross
Aircraft hangars	500 gross
Airport terminal	
Baggage claim	100 gross
Baggage handling	15 gross
Concourse	20 gross
Waiting areas	300 gross
Assembly	
Gaming floors (keno, slots, etc.)	11 gross
Assembly with fixed seats	See 1003.2.2.9
Assembly without fixed seats	
Concentrated (chairs only—not fixed)	7 net
Standing space	5 net
Unconcentrated (tables and chairs)	15 net
Bowling centers, allow 5 persons for each lane including 15 feet of runway, and for additional areas	7 net
Business areas	100 gross
Courtrooms—other than fixed seating areas	40 net
Dormitories	50 gross

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TABLE 1003.2.2.2—continued  
MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA ALLOWANCES PER OCCUPANT

OCCUPANCY	FLOOR AREA IN SQ. FT. PER OCCUPANT
Educational	
Classroom area	20 net
Shops and other vocational room areas	50 net
Exercise rooms	50 gross
H-5 Fabrication and manufacturing areas	200 gross
Industrial areas	100 gross
Institutional areas	
Inpatient treatment areas	240 gross
Outpatient areas	100 gross
Sleeping areas	120 gross
Kitchens, commercial	200 gross
Library	
Reading rooms	50 net
Stack area	100 gross
Locker rooms	50 gross
Mercantile	
Basement and grade floor areas	30 gross
Areas on other floors	60 gross
Storage, stock, shipping areas	300 gross
Parking garages	200 gross
Residential	200 gross
Skating rinks, swimming pools	
Rink and pool	50 gross
Decks	15 gross
Stages and platforms	15 net
Accessory storage areas, mechanical equipment room	300 gross
Warehouses	500 gross

For SI: 1 square foot = 0.0929 m<sup>2</sup>.