

	STANDARD OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE Community and Economic Development	Number: 2-1
Subject: <i>Sleeping Room Defined</i>		Approval Date: April 2, 2009
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1.0 PURPOSE

The document establishes the definition of a sleeping room (bedroom)

2.0 DISTRIBUTION

Public, Community and Economic Development (CED) Personnel

3.0 REVISION HISTORY

August, 2015

January, 2019 (Code update)

4.0 CODE REFERENCE

2018 International Residential Code (IRC), Sections R310.2 Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings, and R314 Smoke Alarms.

2018 International Building Code (IBC), Section 1030.1

5.0 POLICY

A common determination for residential uses is whether a space or spaces are considered to be *sleeping rooms*. At issue is that life safety elements may be missing if the space is intended to be used as a *sleeping room*, when it is otherwise identified on the construction plans (e.g. -office, den, media room).

If a room is identified as a bedroom it shall meet all the requirements of a *sleeping room*. If a room is identified as something other than a bedroom, but has both the appearance and the potential for the same use, it shall be considered a *sleeping room*. If the designer is unable to meet the code provisions for this use and insists that it's not to be used as a *sleeping room*, the space shall be clearly identified for the intended use, and the construction documents shall be labeled "not to be used as a sleeping room".

The final determination of whether the space is to be considered a *sleeping room* shall be made by the *building official*.