

22-11-6. Maternity centers. ~~(a) Definitions~~ Each facility that is licensed by the Kansas department of health and environment as a maternity hospital and provides delivery services for normal, uncomplicated pregnancies for not more than three women at any one time shall meet the requirements of national fire protection association standard no. 101, which is adopted by reference in K.A.R. 22-1-3.

~~(1) “Code” means the 1988 edition of the national fire protection association pamphlet no. 101, the life safety code.~~

~~(2) “Maternity center” means a facility licensed as a maternity hospital which provides delivery services for normal, uncomplicated pregnancies for not more than three women at any one time.~~

~~(3) “Grade level” means a floor which is level with the surrounding ground and from which it is not necessary to traverse over stairs to exit.~~

~~(b) Location:~~

~~(1) The labor and delivery room or rooms of a maternity center shall be located on the grade level floor of a building.~~

~~(2) If the state fire marshal determines that sufficient additional precautions have been taken, the location of labor and delivery rooms on floors above grade level may be permitted. Such additional precautions shall include:~~

~~(A) Fire resistive or protected non-combustible noncombustible building construction;~~

~~(B) a properly installed and maintained sprinkler system;~~

~~(C) properly designed ramp access from the floor on which labor and delivery rooms are located, to grade level;~~

~~(D) a one-hour fire-rated wall separating the maternity center from other occupants when located in a building with mixed occupants; and~~

~~(E) other precautions necessary to provide a reasonable degree of life safety.~~

~~(c) The interior finish of the maternity center shall have a flame spread of 75 or less, class B.~~

~~(d) The maternity center shall provide fire extinguishers in accordance with K.A.R. 22-10-12.~~

~~(e) The maternity center shall have a supervised manual and automatic fire alarm system. Properly installed smoke detectors which are interconnected to the fire alarm system shall be strategically placed throughout the maternity center.~~

~~(f) The maternity center shall have an emergency lighting system which automatically provides illumination in the event of an interruption of electrical service.~~

~~(g) The maternity center shall have at least two approved exits from each floor. Each exit that is not obvious shall be provided with an approved, lighted exit sign.~~

~~(h) Each maternity center shall have a written evacuation plan. Each staff member shall be informed of, and shall have access to, the plan. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 1989 2008 Supp. 31-133; effective May 1, 1981; amended May 1, 1985; amended May 1, 1986; amended Sept. 17, 1990; amended P-_____.)~~