

1 10A NCAC 13D .3403 is proposed for readoption as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13D .3403 GENERAL ELECTRICAL**

4 (a) In a facility, all main water supply shut off valves in the sprinkler system shall be electronically supervised so that
5 if any valve is closed and alarm will sound at a central station named 24 ours per day, seven days per week.

6 (b) No two adjacent emergency lighting fixtures shall be on the same circuit.

7 (c) Receptacles in bathrooms shall have ground fault protection.

8 (d) Each patient bed location bed shall be provided with a minimum of four single or two duplex receptacles. Two
9 single receptacles or one duplex receptacle shall be connected to the critical branch of the emergency power system
10 at each bed location. Each patient bed location shall also be provided with a minimum of two single receptacles or
11 one duplex receptacle connected to the normal electrical system.

12 (e) Each patient bed location shall be supplied by at least two branch circuits.

13 (f) The fire alarm system shall be installed to transmit an alarm automatically to the fire department that is legally
14 committed to serve the area in which the facility is located. The alarm shall be transmitted either to a fire department
15 or to a third-party service that shall transmit the alarm to the fire department. The method used to transmit the alarm
16 shall be approved by local ordinances.

17 (g) In patient areas, fire alarms shall be gongs or chimes rather than horns or bells.

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19 *History Note: Authority G.S. 131E-102;131E-104;*

20 *Eff. January 1, 1996;*

21 *Amended Eff. July1, 2014;*

22 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 22,*

23 *2015-2015;*

24 *Readopted Eff. August 1, 2026.*