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## Arrangement and Format of the 2021 IEBC

Before applying the requirements of the IEBC, it is beneficial to understand its arrangement and format. The IEBC, like other codes published by ICC, is arranged and organized to follow logical steps that generally occur during a plan review or inspection.

The following table shows how the IEBC is divided. The ensuing chapter-by-chapter synopsis details the scope and intent of the provisions of the IEBC.

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**1.1.8 City, county, or city and county amendments, additions or deletions.** The provisions of this code do not limit the authority of city, county, or city and county governments to establish more restrictive and reasonably necessary differences to the provisions contained in this code pursuant to complying with Section 1.1.8.1. The effective date of amendments, additions or deletions to this code by a city, county, or city and county filed pursuant to Section 1.1.8.1 shall be the date filed. However, in no case shall the amendments, additions or deletions to this code be effective any sooner than the effective date of this code.

Local modifications shall comply with Health and Safety Code Section 18941.5 for Building Standards Law, Health and Safety Code Section 17958 for State Housing Law or Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 for Fire Protection Districts.

#### **1.1.8.1 Findings and filings.**

1. The city, county, or city and county shall make express findings for each amendment, addition or deletion based upon climatic, topographical or geological conditions.

**Exception:** Hazardous building ordinances and programs mitigating unreinforced masonry buildings.

2. The city, county, or city and county shall file the amendments, additions or deletions expressly marked and identified as to the applicable findings. Cities, counties, cities and counties, and fire departments shall file the amendments, additions or deletions, and the findings with the California Building Standards Commission at 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130, Sacramento, CA 95833.
3. Findings prepared by fire protection districts shall be ratified by the local city, county, or city and county and filed with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, P.O. Box 278180, Sacramento, CA 95827-8180 or 9342 Tech Center Drive, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95826-2581.

#### **1.1.8.2 Locally adopted energy standards – California Energy Code, Part 6**

In addition to the provisions of Section 1.1.8.1 of this Part, the provisions of this section shall apply to a city, county, and city and county adopting local energy standards applicable to buildings and structures subject to the California Energy Code, Part 6.

Applicable provisions of Public Resources Code Section 25402.1(h)(2) and applicable provisions of Section 10-106, Chapter 10 of the California Administrative Code, Part 1 apply to locally adopted energy standards amending the California Energy Code, Part 6.

**1.1.9 Effective date of this code.** Only those standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission that are effective at the time an application for building permit is submitted shall apply to the plans and specifications for, and to the construction performed under, that permit. For the effective dates of the provisions contained in this code, see the History Note page of this code.

#### **Exceptions:**

- (1) **[HCD 1 & HCD 2]** Retroactive permits issued in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 17958.12.
- (2) **[HCD 1 & HCD 2]** Plans approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development or a Department-approved design approval agency for factory-built housing as defined by Health and Safety Code Section 19971. Approved plans, pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, Article 3, Section 3048 remain valid for a period of 36 months from the date of plan approval.

**1.1.10 Availability of codes.** At least one complete copy each of Titles 8, 19, 20, 24 and 25 with all revisions shall be maintained in the office of the building official responsible for the administration and enforcement of this code. Each state department concerned and each city, county, or city and county shall have an up-to-date copy of the code available for public inspection. See Health and Safety Code Section 18942(e)(1) and (2).

**1.1.11 Format.** This part fundamentally adopts the International Existing Building Code by reference on a chapter-by-chapter basis. When a specific chapter of the International Existing Building Code is not printed in the code and is marked “Reserved”, such chapter of the International Existing Building Code is not adopted as a portion of this code. When a specific chapter of the International Existing Building Code is marked “Not adopted by the State of California” but appears in the code, it may be available for adoption by local ordinance, provided such ordinance and related model code provisions do not conflict with Title 24 provisions applicable to the subject occupancy or building feature.

**Note:** Matrix Adoption Tables at the front of each chapter may aid the code user in determining which chapter or sections within a chapter are applicable to buildings under the authority of a specific state agency, but they are not to be considered regulatory.

**1.1.12 Validity.** If any chapter, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, contrary to statute, exceeding the authority of the state as stipulated by statutes or otherwise inoperative, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this code.

## **SECTION 1.2 BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**1.2.1 BSC.** Specific scope of application of the agency responsible for enforcement, the enforcement agency and the

specific authority to adopt and enforce such provisions of this code, unless otherwise stated.

### 1. State buildings for all occupancies.

**Application**—State buildings (all occupancies), including buildings constructed by the Trustees of the California State University (CSU) and the Regents of the University of California (UC) where no state agency has the authority to adopt building standards applicable to such buildings.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified by the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 18934.5.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, commencing with Section 18901.

### 2. University of California, California State Universities and California Community Colleges.

**Application**—Standards for lighting for parking lots and primary campus walkways at the University of California, California State Universities and California Community Colleges.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified by the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Government Code Section 14617.

**Reference**—Government Code Section 14617.

### 3. Existing state-owned buildings, including those owned by the University of California and by the California State University.

**Application**—Building seismic retrofit standards including abating falling hazards of structural and nonstructural components and strengthening of building structures. See also Division of the State Architect.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified by the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 16600.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Sections 16600 through 16604.

### 4. Unreinforced masonry-bearing wall buildings.

**Application**—Minimum seismic strengthening standards for buildings specified in Appendix Chapter A1 of the California Existing Building Code, except for buildings subject to building standards pursuant to Health and Safety Code (commencing) with Section 17910.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 18934.7.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, commencing with Section 18901.

**1.2.1.1 State building.** For purposes of this code, a “state building” is a structure for which a state agency or state entity has authority to construct, alter, enlarge, replace, repair or demolish.

**1.2.1.2 Enforcement.** [CSU, UC, Judicial Council and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation] State agencies or state entities authorized to construct state buildings may appoint a building official who is responsible to the agency for enforcement of the provisions of the California Building Standards Code.

**Exception:** State buildings regulated by other sections of this code remain the enforcement responsibility of the designated entities.

**1.2.1.3 Enforcement.** Reserved for DGS.

**1.2.1.4 Adopting agency identification.** The provisions of this code applicable to buildings identified in this section will be identified in the Matrix Adoption Tables under the acronym **BSC**.

**1.2.2 BSC-CG.** Specific scope of application of the agency responsible for enforcement, the enforcement agency and the specific authority to adopt and enforce such provisions of this code, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1. Green building standards for nonresidential occupancies.

**Application**—All occupancies where no state agency has the authority to adopt green building standards applicable to those occupancies.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified by the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 18930.5(a), 18938 and 18940.5.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, commencing with Section 18901.

#### 2. Graywater systems for nonresidential occupancies.

**Application**—The construction, installation and alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses in nonresidential occupancies.

**Enforcing agency**—State or local agency specified by the applicable provisions of law.

**Authority cited**—Health & Safety Code Section 18941.8.

**Reference**—Health & Safety Code Section 18941.8.

**1.2.2.1 Adopting agency identification.** The provisions of this code applicable to buildings identified in this section will be identified in the Matrix Adoption Tables under the acronym **BSC-CG**.

**1.2.3 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be approved where the building

**1.10.4 OSHPD 4.** Specific scope of application of the agency responsible for enforcement, enforcement agency and the specific authority to adopt and enforce such provisions of this code, unless otherwise stated.

**Application**—Correctional treatment centers.

**Enforcing agency**—Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The office shall enforce the Division of the State Architect—Access Compliance regulations and the regulations of the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the above-stated facility types.

**1.10.4.1 Applicable administrative standards.**

1. Title 24, Part 1, California Code of Regulations: Chapter 7.
2. Title 24, Part 2, California Code of Regulations: Sections 1.1 and 1.10, Chapter 1, Division I, and as indicated in the adoption matrix for Chapter 1, Division II.

**1.10.4.2 Applicable building standards.** California Building Standards Code, Title 24, Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

The provisions of Title 24, Part 10, as adopted and amended by OSHPD, shall apply to the applications listed in Section 1.10.4.

OSHPD 4 adopts the following building standards in Title 24, Part 10: Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**1.10.4.3 Identification of amendments.** For applications listed in Section 1.10.4, amendments in this code appear in this code preceded with the acronym [OSHPD 4], unless the entire chapter is applicable.

**Authority**—Health and Safety Code Sections 127010, 127015, 1275 and 129790.

**References**—Health and Safety Code Sections 127010, 127015, 1275 and 129674 through 130070.

**1.10.5 OSHPD 5.** Specific scope of application of the agency responsible for enforcement, enforcement agency and the specific authority to adopt and enforce such provisions of this code, unless otherwise stated.

**Application**—Acute psychiatric hospital buildings.

**Enforcing agency**—Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The office shall also enforce the Division of the State Architect—Access Compliance regulations and the regulations of the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the above-stated facility type.

**1.10.5.1 Applicable administrative standards.**

1. Title 24, Part 1, California Code of Regulations: Chapter 7.
2. Title 24, Part 2, California Code of Regulations: Sections 1.1 and 1.10, Chapter 1, Division I, and as indicated in the adoption matrix for Chapter 1, Division II.

**1.10.5.2 Applicable building standards.** California Building Standards Code, Title 24, Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

The provision of Title 24, Part 2, as adopted and amended by OSHPD, shall apply to the applications listed in Section 1.10.5.

OSHPD 5 adopts the following building standards in Title 24, Part 10: Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**1.10.5.3 Identification of amendments.** For applications listed in Section 1.10.5, amendments appear in this code preceded with the acronym [OSHPD 5].

**Authority**—Health and Safety Code Sections 127010, 127015, 1275 and 129850.

**References**—Health and Safety Code Sections 127010, 127015, 129680, 1275 and 129675 through 130070.

## SECTION 1.11 OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

**1.11.1 SFM—Office of the State Fire Marshal.** Specific scope of application of the agency responsible for enforcement, the enforcement agency and the specific authority to adopt and enforce such provisions of this code, unless otherwise stated.

**Application:**

**Institutional, educational or any similar occupancy.** Any building or structure used or intended for use as an asylum, jail, prison, mental hospital, hospital, sanitarium, home for the elderly, children's nursery, children's home or institution, school or any similar occupancy of any capacity.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Assembly or similar place of assemblage.** Any theater, dancehall, skating rink, auditorium, assembly hall, meeting hall, nightclub, fair building or similar place of assemblage where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room or structure for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Small family day-care homes.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 1597.45, 1597.54, 13143 and 17921.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Large family day-care homes.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 1597.46, 1597.54 and 17921.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Residential facilities and residential facilities for the elderly.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13133.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Any state institution or other state-owned or specified state-occupied building.**

**Specified state-occupied buildings.** Any building, structure or area that meets any of the following criteria:

1. A building where the state has contracted into a build-to-suit lease.
2. A courthouse holding facility or trial court with a detention area.
3. A building used by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as a community correctional reentry center.
4. 100 percent state occupied.
5. State-occupied areas in a state-leased building that is a high-rise and is 75 percent of the net area floor space or more occupied by state entities.
6. State-occupied areas that contain 5,000 square feet (465 m<sup>2</sup>) or more space of a state-leased Group H or Group L occupancy.
7. A state-leased building with facilities with the primary purpose of housing state records and/or state artifacts of historical significance.
8. Properties leased by California State University (CSU).
9. State institutions and their real property.
10. CAL FIRE occupied areas in leased building.
11. State-leased facilities where the governing body's fire protection services rely on an all-volunteer fire department.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13145, 13146, 16022.5 and 17921.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Sections 13108, 13143, 13145, 13146, 16022.5 and 17921.

**High-rise structures.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13211.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Motion picture production studios.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.1.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Organized camps.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 18897.3.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Residential.** All hotels, motels, lodging houses, apartment houses and dwellings, including congregate residences and buildings and structures accessory thereto. Multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, let for human habitation, including and limited to, hotels, motels and apartment houses, less than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest floor

level having building access, wherein rooms used for sleeping are let above the ground floor.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 13143.2 and 17921.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Residential care facilities.** Certified family care homes, out-of-home placement facilities, halfway houses, drug and/or alcohol rehabilitation facilities and any building or structure used or intended for use as a home or institution for the housing of any person of any age when such person is referred to or placed within such home or institution for protective social care and supervision services by any governmental agency.

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Tents, awnings or other fabric enclosures used in connection with any occupancy.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13116.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Fire alarm devices, equipment and systems in connection with any occupancy.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13114.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Hazardous materials.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.9.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Flammable and combustible liquids.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.6.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143.

**Public school automatic fire detection, alarm and sprinkler systems.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Section 13143 and California Education Code Article 7.5, Sections 17074.50, 17074.52 and 17074.54.

**Reference**—Government Code Section 11152.5, Health and Safety Code Section 13143 and California Education Code Chapter 12.5, Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, Article 1.

**Wildland-Urban interface fire area.**

**Authority cited**—Health and Safety Code Sections 13143, 13108.5(a) and 18949.2(b) and (c) and Government Code Section 51189.

**Reference**—Health and Safety Code Sections 13143, Government Code Sections 51176, 51177, 51178 and 51179 and Public Resources Code Sections 4201 through 4204.

## CHAPTER 2

# DEFINITIONS

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### User note:

**About this chapter:** Codes, by their very nature, are technical documents. Every word, term and punctuation mark can add to or change the meaning of a technical requirement. It is necessary to maintain a consensus on the specific meaning of each term contained in the code. Chapter 2 performs this function by stating clearly what specific terms mean for the purpose of the code.

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### SECTION 201 GENERAL

**201.1 Scope.** Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms shall, for the purposes of this code, have the meanings shown in this chapter. *[OSHDP 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5]* For terms not defined in this chapter, refer to Part 1, Chapters 6 and 7 of the California Administrative Code, and Part 2, Chapter 2 of the California Building Code.

**201.2 Interchangeability.** Words used in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural, the singular.

**201.3 Terms defined in other codes.** Where terms are not defined in this code and are defined in the other California Codes, such terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in those codes. *[DSA-SS & DSA-SS/CC]* Definitions of terms given in Section 4-207 or 4-314 of the California Administrative Code govern over those in Section 202.

**201.4 Terms not defined.** Where terms are not defined through the methods authorized by this chapter, such terms shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

### SECTION 202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT. [HCD 1 & HCD 2]** An attached or detached residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities for one or more persons and is located on a lot with a proposed or existing primary residence. Accessory dwelling units shall include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel as the single-family or multifamily dwelling is or will be situated. (See Government Code Section 65852.2.)

**[A] ADDITION.** An extension or increase in floor area, number of stories, or height of a building or structure.

**[A] ALTERATION.** Any construction or renovation to an existing structure other than a repair or addition.

**[A] APPROVED.** Acceptable to the code official.

**Exception: [HCD 1 & HCD 2]** “Approved” means meeting the approval of the Enforcing Agency, except as otherwise provided by law, when used in connection with any system, material, type of construction, fixture or appliance as the result of investigations and tests conducted by the agency, or by reason of accepted principles or tests by

national authorities, or technical, health, or scientific organizations or agencies.

### Notes:

1. See Health and Safety Code Section 17920 for “Approved” as applied to residential construction and buildings or structures accessory thereto as referenced in Section 1.8.2.
2. See Health and Safety Code Section 17921.1 for “Approved” as applied to the use of hotplates in residential construction as referenced in Section 1.8.2.
3. See Health and Safety Code Section 19966 for “Approved” as applied to Factory-Built Housing as referenced in Section 1.8.3.2.5.
4. See Health and Safety Code Section 18201 for “Approved” as applied to Mobilehome Parks as referenced in Section 1.8.2.
5. See Health and Safety Code Section 18862.1 for “Approved” as applied to Special Occupancy Parks as referenced in Section 1.8.2.

**[A] BUILDING.** Any structure utilized or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

**Exception: [HCD 1, HCD 2 & HCD 1-AC]** For applications listed in Section 1.8.2 regulated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, “Building” shall not include the following:

1. Any mobilehome as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18008.
2. Any manufactured home as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18007.
3. Any commercial modular as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18001.8 or any special purpose commercial modular as defined in Section 18012.5.
4. Any recreational vehicle as defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 18010.
5. Any multifamily manufactured home as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18008.7.

For additional information, see Health and Safety Code Section 18908.

**Note:** Building shall have the same meaning as defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 17920 and 18908 for the applications specified in Section 1.11.

## DEFINITIONS

**BUILDING OFFICIAL.** [BSC, DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC] *The individual within the agency or organization charged with responsibility for compliance with the requirements of this code. For some agencies this person is termed the “enforcement agent.”*

**BUILDING OFFICIAL.** [HCD 1, HCD 2] [OSHDP 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5] *The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code, or a duly authorized representative.*

**CHANGE IN FUNCTION.** [OSHDP 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5] *See California Building Code Section 1224.3.*

**[A] CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY.** Any of the following shall be considered as a change of occupancy where the current *California Building Code* requires a greater degree of safety, accessibility, structural strength, fire protection, means of egress, ventilation or sanitation than is existing in the current building or structure:

1. Any change in the occupancy classification of a building or structure.
2. Any change in the purpose of, or a change in the level of activity within, a building or structure.
3. A change of use.

**[A] CHANGE OF USE.** A change in the use of a building or a portion of a building, within the same group classification, for which there is a change in application of the code requirements.

**[A] CODE OFFICIAL.** The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this code.

[HCD 1 & HCD 2] [OSHDP 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5] *“Code Official” shall mean “Building Official” as defined in this code.*

**CRITICAL CARE AREA.** [OSHDP 1] *See California Administrative Code Chapter 6.*

**[BS] DANGEROUS.** Any building, structure or portion thereof that meets any of the conditions described below shall be deemed dangerous:

1. The building or structure has collapsed, has partially collapsed, has moved off its foundation or lacks the necessary support of the ground.
2. There exists a significant risk of collapse, detachment or dislodgement of any portion, member, appurtenance or ornamentation of the building or structure under permanent, routine or frequent loads; under actual loads already in effect; or under snow, wind, rain, flood, earthquake or other environmental loads when such loads are imminent.

**[A] DEFERRED SUBMITTAL.** Those portions of the design that are not submitted at the time of the application and that are to be submitted to the code official within a specified period.

**[BS] DISPROPORTIONATE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE.** A condition of earthquake-related damage where both of the following occur:

1. The 0.3-second spectral acceleration at the building site as estimated by the United States Geological Survey for

the earthquake in question is less than 40 percent of the mapped acceleration parameter SS.

2. The vertical elements of the lateral force-resisting system have suffered damage such that the lateral load-carrying capacity of any story in any horizontal direction has been reduced by more than 10 percent from its predamage condition.

**[BE] EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENING.** An operable exterior window, door or other similar device that provides for a means of escape and access for rescue in the event of an emergency.

**ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.** [BSC, DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC] *The agency or organization charged with responsibility for agency or organization compliance with the requirements of this code, also known as the Authority Having Jurisdiction in ASCE 41.*

**EQUIPMENT OR FIXTURE.** Any plumbing, heating, electrical, ventilating, air conditioning, refrigerating and fire protection equipment; and elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, boilers, pressure vessels and other mechanical facilities; or installations that are related to building services. Equipment or fixture shall not include manufacturing, production or process equipment, but shall include connections from building service to process equipment.

**[A] EXISTING BUILDING.** A building erected prior to the date of adoption of the appropriate code, or one for which a legal building permit has been issued.

**[A] EXISTING STRUCTURE.** A structure erected prior to the date of adoption of the appropriate code, or one for which a legal building permit has been issued.

**EXISTING STRUCTURE.** [OSHDP 1, 1R, 2, 4 & 5] *A structure that has a valid certificate of occupancy issued by the building official.*

**EXTERIOR ELEVATED ELEMENT.** *See Government Code Section 17973(b)(2).*

**[BF] EXTERIOR WALL COVERING.** A material or assembly of materials applied on the exterior side of exterior walls for the purpose of providing a weather-resisting barrier, insulation or for aesthetics, including but not limited to, veneers, siding, exterior insulation and finish systems, architectural trim and embellishments, such as cornices, soffits, facias, gutters and leaders.

**[BF] EXTERIOR WALL ENVELOPE.** A system or assembly of exterior wall components, including exterior wall finish materials, that provides protection of the building structural members, including framing and sheathing materials, and conditioned interior space from the detrimental effects of the exterior environment.

**[A] FACILITY.** All or any portion of buildings, structures, site improvements, elements and pedestrian or vehicular routes located on a site.

**[BS] FLOOD HAZARD AREA.** The greater of the following two areas:

1. The area within a flood plain subject to a 1-percent or greater chance of flooding in any year.

occupancy shall be permitted to meet the provision for a Type B dwelling unit.

**306.7.16.7 Type B units.** Type B dwelling or sleeping units required by Section 1108 of the *International Building Code* are not required to be provided in historic buildings.

### SECTION 307 SMOKE ALARMS

**307.1 Smoke alarms.** Where an alteration, addition, change of occupancy or relocation of a building is made to an existing building or structure of a Group R occupancy, the existing building shall be provided with smoke alarms in accordance with the *California Fire Code* or Section R314 of the *California Residential Code*.

**Exception:** Work classified as Level 1 Alterations in accordance with Chapter 7.

### SECTION 308 CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

**308.1 Carbon monoxide detection.** Where an addition, alteration, change of occupancy or relocation of a building is made to Group I-2, I-4 and R occupancies and classrooms of Group E occupancies, the existing building shall be provided with carbon monoxide detection in accordance with the *California Fire Code* or Section R315 of the *California Residential Code*.

**308.2 Carbon monoxide alarms in existing portions of a building.** [HCD 1 & HCD 2] Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17926, carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in all existing Group R buildings, as required in Section 915 of the *California Building Code* or Section R315 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.

**308.2.1 Carbon monoxide detection in existing Group E occupancy buildings.** Where the new addition includes any of the conditions identified in the *California Fire Code* Sections 915.1.2 through 915.1.6, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with Section 915 of the *California Fire Code*. No person shall install, market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any carbon monoxide device in the State of California unless the device and instructions have been approved and listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

### SECTION 309 ADDITIONS AND REPLACEMENTS OF EXTERIOR WALL COVERINGS AND EXTERIOR WALL ENVELOPES

**309.1 General.** The provisions of Section 309 apply to all alterations, repairs, additions, relocations of structures and changes of occupancy regardless of compliance method.

**309.2 Additions and replacements.** Where an exterior wall covering or exterior wall envelope is added or replaced, the materials and methods used shall comply with the requirements for new construction in Chapter 14 and Chapter 26 of

the *California Building Code* if the added or replaced exterior wall covering or exterior wall envelope involves two or more contiguous stories and comprises more than 15 percent of the total wall area on any side of the building.

### SECTION 310 [OSHPD 1R, 2 and 5] SERVICES/SYSTEMS AND UTILITIES

**310.1 Services/systems and utilities.** Services/systems and utilities shall only originate in, pass through or under structures which are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

### SECTION 311 [OSHPD 1R, 2 and 5] MEANS OF EGRESS

**311.1 General.** Means of egress through existing buildings shall be in accordance with the *California Building Code*, except as modified in this section.

**311.1.1 Jurisdiction.** Means of egress shall only pass through buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

### SECTION 312 [OSHPD 1R] HOSPITAL SPC AND FREESTANDING BUILDINGS REMOVED FROM GENERAL ACUTE CARE SERVICE REMAINING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF OSHPD

**312.1 General.** The provisions of this section shall apply to hospital SPC and freestanding buildings that have been removed from Acute Care Service per *California Existing Building Code* Section 312A but remain under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). These buildings may house various occupancies, uses and functions in accordance with this section. The requirements for those various occupancies, uses and functions shall be in accordance with the provisions of the *California Building Standards Code*, specific to each. The designation OSHPD 1R shall be limited to provisions applicable to the overall hospital SPC or freestanding building.

**312.1.1 Non-general acute care hospital (non-GACH) SPC buildings.** Non-GACH SPC buildings shall conform to the requirements of Section 1.10.1 [OSHPD 1R].

**312.1.2 Freestanding buildings.** Application and enforcement of freestanding buildings removed from general acute care services but remaining under OSHPD jurisdiction shall be in accordance with Section 1.10.1 [OSHPD 1R].

Freestanding hospital-owned clinics shall be permitted to be under the jurisdiction of OSHPD in accordance with the *California Administrative Code* Sections 7-2104, 7-2105 and 7-2106.

**312.1.3 Non-General Acute Care Building (non-GACH SPC building) access.** All access points into hospital SPC buildings removed from general acute care service shall prominently display signage at each access point stating “NO GENERAL ACUTE CARE SERVICES BEYOND THIS POINT.”

### 312.2 Definitions.

**FREESTANDING.** Refer to Part 1, California Administrative Code, Chapter 7.

**SPC BUILDING.** Refer to Part 2, California Building Code, Chapter 2.

### 312.3 Buildings to remain under OSHPD jurisdiction.

**312.3.1 Freestanding buildings containing qualifying nonacute care services.** In order for a freestanding building, as defined in the California Administrative Code, Section 7-111, that is removed from general acute care service, to remain under OSHPD jurisdiction, it shall contain one or more qualifying nonacute care services. Qualifying nonacute care services include:

- a. Services considered "Outpatient Clinical Services" as defined in H&SC §129730(a):
  - i. Administrative space that directly supports hospital operations
  - ii. Central sterile supply
  - iii. Storage
  - iv. Morgue and autopsy facilities
  - v. Employee dressing rooms and lockers
  - vi. Janitorial and housekeeping facilities
  - vii. Laundry
- b. Outpatient portions of the following services (with no more than 25 percent in-patient use), including but not limited to:
  - i. Surgical
  - ii. Chronic dialysis
  - iii. Psychiatry
  - iv. Rehabilitation, occupational therapy or physical therapy
  - v. Maternity
  - vi. Dentistry
  - viii. Chemical dependency
- c. Services that duplicate Basic Services, as defined in H&SC §1250, or services that are provided as part of a Basic Service, but are not required for facility licensure (with no more than 25 percent in-patient use).

All hospital support services listed in Section 312.3.1 Item a that are located in an SPC building at the time general acute care services are removed may remain, provided the California Department of Public Health certifies to the Office that it has received and approved a plan that demonstrates how the health facility will continue to provide all basic services in the event of any emergency when the SPC building may no longer remain functional. This certification shall be submitted by the hospital to the Office prior to approval of the application to remove the SPC building from general acute care service.

**312.3.2 SPC non-GACH buildings containing nonacute care services under existing license.** The services listed in Section 312.3.1 shall be permitted as follows:

- a. Existing approved nonacute care services shall be permitted to remain. The enforcement agency may

require evidence that the existing occupancies and services were in compliance at the time they were located in the SPC building. All hospital support services listed in Section 312.3.1, Item a that are remaining in the SPC building removed from general acute care service shall be in excess of the minimum requirements for licensure and operation of the general acute care hospital. Prior approval by the California Department of Public Health shall be obtained by the hospital to maintain these services in the SPC building removed from acute care service.

- b. New nonacute care services listed in Section 312.3.1, Item a shall be permitted, provided they are in excess of the minimum services required for licensure and operation of the general acute care hospital.
- c. New nonacute care services listed in Section 312.3.1, Item b shall be permitted. These services require compliance with the current functional requirements for that service as defined in Part 2, California Building Code, Section 1224.39, subject to the provisions of Section 506.1.
- d. New nonacute care services listed in Section 312.3.1, Item c shall be permitted provided they are in excess of the minimum services required for licensure and operation of the general acute care hospital. If patients are served by this service, it must meet the current functional requirements for that service as defined in Part 2, California Building Code, Section 1224.39, subject to the provisions of Section 506.1.

**312.3.3 SPC non-GACH buildings containing a change of licensed nursing services under existing license.** A change of service or function for all, or a portion, of the SPC building removed from general acute care service requires compliance with the current functional requirements for that service as defined in Part 2, California Building Code, Section 1224, subject to the provisions of Section 506.1.

**312.3.3.1 Intermediate care and/or skilled nursing services.** When general acute care services are removed from an SPC building which is intended to be used for separate and distinct intermediate care and/or skilled nursing services, and the new services will be licensed under the existing license of the general acute care hospital, these new services shall comply with current functional requirements as defined in Part 2, Section 1224.38 and/or 1224.40, and Section 310A.1.1.1.5 for a nonconforming hospital building.

**312.3.3.2 Psychiatric nursing service.** When general acute care services are removed from an SPC building which is intended to be used for separate and distinct psychiatric nursing services, and the new services will be licensed under the existing license of the general acute care hospital, these new services shall comply with current functional requirements for that service as defined in Part 2, Section 1228, and Section 310A.1.1.1.5 for a nonconforming hospital building.

**312.3.4 SPC non-GACH buildings containing other occupancies and/or uses.** Other occupancies and/or uses shall comply with the occupancy/use requirements of the California Building Standards Code for that occupancy or use. Subject to the approval of the building official, the use or occupancy of existing buildings is allowed to be occupied for purposes in other groups, or within the same group, provided the new or proposed use is less hazardous, based on life and fire risk, than the existing use.

**312.3.5 Vacant space.** Spaces vacated through the removal of general acute care services that are intended to remain vacant must be in conformance with Part 2, California Building Code, Section 116.1. The hospital shall submit a project to the Office to demonstrate remediation of potential unsafe and insanitary conditions.

### SECTION 313 [SFM] EXISTING GROUP R-1 AND GROUP R-2 OCCUPANCIES

**313.1 Scope.** The provisions of this section are intended to maintain or increase the current degree of public safety, health and general welfare in existing buildings classified as Group R Occupancies.

**313.1.1 Application.** In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 13143.2, the provisions of Sections 313.2 through 313.12 shall only apply to multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, let for human habitation, including, and limited to, apartment houses, hotels and motels wherein rooms used for sleeping are let above the ground floor.

**313.2 Number of exits.** Every apartment and every other sleeping room shall have access to not less than two exits when the occupant load is 10 or more (exits need not be directly from the apartment or sleeping room). A fire escape as specified herein may be used as one required exit.

Subject to approval of the authority having jurisdiction, a ladder device as specified herein may be used in lieu of a fire escape when the construction feature or the location of the building on the property cause the installation of a fire escape to be impractical.

**313.3 Stair construction.** All stairs shall have a minimum run of 9 inches (229 mm) and a maximum rise of 8 inches (203 mm) and a minimum width exclusive of handrails of 30 inches (762 mm). Every stairway shall have at least one handrail. A landing having a minimum horizontal dimension of 30 inches (762 mm) shall be provided at each point of access to the stairway.

**313.4 Interior stairways.** Every interior stairway shall be enclosed with walls of not less than 1-hour fire-resistive construction. Where existing partitions form part of a stairwell enclosure, wood lath and plaster in good condition will be acceptable in lieu of 1-hour fire-resistive construction. Doors to such enclosures shall be protected by a self-closing door equivalent to a solid wood door with a thickness of not less than  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches (44.5 mm).

Enclosures shall include all landings between flights and any corridors, passageways or public rooms necessary for continuous exit to the exterior of the buildings. The stairway need not be enclosed in a continuous shaft if cut off at each story by the fire-resistive construction required by this subsection for stairwell enclosures. Enclosures shall not be required if an automatic sprinkler system is provided for all portions of the building except bedrooms, apartments and rooms accessory thereto. Interior stairs and vertical openings need not be enclosed in two-story buildings.

**313.5 Exterior stairways.** Exterior stairways shall be non-combustible or of wood of not less than 2-inch (51 mm) nominal thickness with solid treads and risers.

**313.6 Fire escapes, exit ladder devices.** Fire escapes may be used as one means of egress if the pitch does not exceed 60 degrees, the width is not less than 18 inches (457 mm), the treads are not less than 4 inches (102 mm) wide, and they extend to the ground or are provided with counterbalanced stairs reaching to the ground. Access shall be by an opening having a minimum dimension of 29 inches (737 mm) when open. The sill shall not be more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor and landing.

A ladder device, when used in lieu of a fire escape, shall conform to Section 313.6.1 and the following:

1. Serves an occupant load of nine people or less or a single dwelling unit or hotel room.
2. The building does not exceed three stories in height.
3. The access is adjacent to an opening as specified for emergency egress or rescue or from a balcony.
4. The device does not pass in front of any building opening below the unit being served.
5. The availability of activating the ladder device is accessible only to the opening or balcony served.
6. The device as installed will not cause a person using it to be within 12 feet (3658 mm) of exposed energized high-voltage conductors.

#### 313.6.1 Exit ladder devices.

**313.6.1.1 Scope.** This standard for exit ladder devices is applicable where such devices are permitted by the building official for installation on existing apartment houses and hotels in conformance with the California Building Code.

**313.6.1.2 Instructions.** Installation shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Instructions shall be illustrated and shall include directions and information adequate for attaining proper and safe installation of the product. Where exit ladder devices are intended for mounting on different support surfaces, specific installation instructions shall be provided for each surface.

**313.6.1.3 General design.** All load-bearing surfaces and supporting hardware shall be of noncombustible materials. Exit ladder devices shall have a minimum width of 12 inches (305 mm) when in the position intended for use. The design load shall not be less than

400 pounds (1780N) for 16-foot (4877 mm) length and 600 pounds (2699N) for 25-foot (7620 mm) length.

#### 313.6.1.4 Performance.

**313.6.1.4.1** Exit ladder devices shall be capable of withstanding an applied load of four times the design load when installed in the manner intended for use. Test loads shall be applied for a period of one hour.

**313.6.1.4.2** Exit ladder devices of the retractable type shall, in addition to the static load requirements of Section 413.6.1.4.1 of the California Building Code, be capable of withstanding the following tests:

1. Rung strength.
2. Rung-to-side-rail shear strength.
3. Release mechanism.
4. Low temperature.

**313.6.1.5 Rung-strength test.** Rungs of retractable exit ladder devices shall be capable of withstanding a load of 1,000 pounds (4448N) when applied to a 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch-wide (89 mm) block resting at the center of the rung. The test load shall be applied for a period of 1 hour. The ladder shall remain operational following this test.

**313.6.1.6 Rung-to-side-rail shear test.** Rungs of retractable exit ladder devices shall be capable of withstanding 1,000 (4448N) when applied to a 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch-wide (89 mm) block resting on the center rung as near the side rail as possible. The test load shall be applied for a period of 1 hour. Upon removal of the test load the fasteners attaching the rung to the side rail shall show no evidence of failure. The ladder shall remain operational following the test.

**313.6.1.7 Release mechanism test.** The release mechanism of retractable exit ladder devices shall operate with an average applied force of not more than 5 pounds (22.2N) for hand-operated releasing mechanisms and an average applied force of not more than 25 pounds (111N) for foot-pedal types of releasing mechanisms. For these tests, a force gauge shall be applied to the release mechanism, and the average of three consecutive readings shall be computed.

**313.6.1.8 Low temperature operation test.** Representative samples of the exit ladder devices shall be subjected to a temperature of -40°C in an environmental chamber for a period of 24 hours. The release mechanism shall be operated immediately upon removal from the chamber. The ladder device shall function as intended without any restriction of operation.

**313.7 Doors and openings.** Exit doors and openings shall meet the requirements of Sections 1008.1.2, 1008.8.1.8, 1008.1.9 and 708.6 of the California Building Code. Doors shall not reduce the required width of stairway more than 6 inches (152 mm) when open. Transoms and openings other than doors from corridors to rooms shall be fixed closed and shall be covered with a minimum of 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch (19 mm) plywood or 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inch (13 mm) gypsum wallboard or equivalent material.

#### Exceptions:

1. Existing solid-bonded wood-core doors 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches thick (34.9 mm), or their equivalent may be continued in use.
2. Where the existing frame will not accommodate a door complying with Section 708.6 of the California Building Code, a 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-inch-thick (35 mm) solid-bonded wood-core door may be used.

**313.8 Exit signs.** Every exit doorway or change of direction of a corridor shall be marked with a well-lighted exit sign having letters at least 5 inches (127 mm) high.

**313.9 Enclosure of vertical openings.** Elevators, shafts, ducts and other vertical openings shall be enclosed as required for stairways in Section 313.4 or by wired glass set in metal frames. Doors shall be noncombustible or as regulated in Section 313.4.

**313.10 Separation of occupancies.** Occupancy separations shall be provided as specified in Section 508 of the California Building Code. Lobbies and public dining rooms, not including cocktail lounges, shall not require a separation if the kitchen is so separated from the dining room. Every room containing a boiler or central heating plant shall be separated from the rest of the building by not less than a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation.

**Exception:** A separation shall not be required for such rooms with equipment serving only one dwelling unit.

**313.11 Equivalent protection.** In lieu of the separation of occupancies required by Section 313.10, equivalent protection may be permitted when approved by the enforcement agency.

**Exception:** The provisions of Sections 313.3 through 313.11 above shall not apply to any existing apartment house, hotel or motel having floors (as measured from the top of the floor surface) used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest floor level having building access which is subject to the provisions of Section 314 and the California Fire Code, relating to existing high-rise buildings.

**Note:** In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 17920.7, the provisions of Sections 313.3 through 313.11 above shall apply only to multiple-story structures existing on January 1, 1975, let for human habitation including, and limited to, apartments, houses, hotels and motels wherein rooms used for sleeping are let above the ground floor.

#### 313.12 Fire alarms.

**313.12.1 General.** Every apartment house three or more stories in height or containing more than 15 apartments, every hotel three or more stories in height or containing 20 or more guest rooms, shall have installed therein an automatic or manually operated fire alarm system. Such fire alarm systems shall be so designed that all occupants of the building may be warned simultaneously and shall be in accordance with the California Fire Code. See Section

**TABLE 316.7(1)**  
**EXEMPT AMOUNTS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, LIQUIDS AND CHEMICALS**  
**PRESENTING A PHYSICAL HAZARD BASIC QUANTITIES PER LABORATORY SUITE<sup>1</sup>**  
**When two units are given, values within parentheses are in cubic feet (cu. ft) or pounds (lb)**

CONDITION		STORAGE			USE CLOSED SYSTEMS			USE OPEN SYSTEMS		
MATERIAL	CLASS	Solid Pounds (cu. ft)	Liquid Gallons (lb)	Gas (cu. ft)	Solid Pounds (cu. ft)	Liquid Gallons (lb)	Gas (cu. ft)	Solid Pounds (cu. ft)	Liquid Gallons (lb)	Gas (cu. ft)
1.1 Combustible liquid	II	—	120 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	120	—	—	30	—
	II-A	—	330 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	330	—	—	80	—
	III-B	—	13,200 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	13,200	—	—	3,300	—
1.2 Combustible dust lbs./1000 cu. ft.		1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
1.3 Combustible fiber (loose) (baled)		(100)	—	—	(100)	—	—	(20)	—	—
		(1,000)	—	—	(1,000)	—	—	(200)	—	—
1.4 Cryogenic, flammable or oxidizing			45	—		45	—		10	—
2.1 Explosives		12	(1) <sup>2</sup>	—	1/4	(1/4)	—	1/4	(1/4)	—
3.1 Flammable solid		125 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	25	—	—	25	—	—
3.2 Flammable gas (gaseous) (liquefied)		—	—	750 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	750 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—
		—	15 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	15 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—
3.3 Flammable liquid Combination I-A, I-B, I-C	I-A	—	30 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	30	—	—	10	—
	I-B	—	60 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	60	—	—	15	—
	I-C	—	90 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	90	—	—	20	—
		—	120 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	120	—	—	30	—
4.1 Organic peroxide, unclassified detonatable		1 <sup>2</sup>	(1) <sup>2</sup>	—	1/4	(1/4)	—	1/4	(1/4)	—
4.2 Organic peroxide	I	5 <sup>2</sup>	(5) <sup>2</sup>	—	(1)	(1)	—	1	1	—
	II	50 <sup>2</sup>	(50) <sup>2</sup>	—	50	(50)	—	10	(10)	—
	III	125 <sup>2</sup>	(125) <sup>2</sup>	—	125	(125)	—	25	(25)	—
	IV	500	(500)	—	500	(500)	—	100	(100)	—
	V	N.L.	N.L.	—	N.L.	N.L.	—	N.L.	N.L.	—
4.3 Oxidizer	4	1 <sup>2</sup>	(1) <sup>2</sup>	—	1/4 <sup>2</sup>	(1/4)	—	1/4	(1/4)	—
	3	10 <sup>2</sup>	(10) <sup>2</sup>	—	2	(2)	—	2	(2)	—
	2	250 <sup>2</sup>	(250) <sup>2</sup>	—	50	(250)	—	50	(50)	—
	1	1,000 <sup>2</sup>	(1,000) <sup>2</sup>	—	1,000	(1,000)	—	200	(200)	—
4.4 Oxidizer Gas (gaseous) (liquefied)		—	—	1,500 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	1,500 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—
		—	15 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	15 <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—
5.1 Pyrophoric		4 <sup>2</sup>	(4) <sup>2</sup>	50 <sup>2</sup>	1	(1)	10 <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0
6.1 Unstable (reactive)	4	1 <sup>2</sup>	(1) <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	1/4	(1/4)	2 <sup>2</sup>	1/4	(1/4)	0
	3	5 <sup>2</sup>	(5) <sup>2</sup>	50 <sup>2</sup>	1	(1)	10 <sup>2</sup>	1	(1)	0
	2	50 <sup>2</sup>	(50) <sup>2</sup>	250 <sup>2</sup>	50	(50)	250 <sup>2</sup>	10	(10)	0
	1	125 <sup>2</sup>	(125) <sup>2</sup>	750 <sup>2</sup>	125	(125)	750 <sup>2</sup>	25	(25)	0
7.1 Water (reactive)	3	5 <sup>2</sup>	(5) <sup>2</sup>	—	5	(5)	—	1	(1)	—
	2	50 <sup>2</sup>	(50) <sup>2</sup>	—	50	(50)	—	10	(10)	—
	1	125 <sup>2</sup>	(125) <sup>2</sup>	—	125	(125) <sup>2</sup>	—	25	(25)	—

1. A laboratory suite is a space up to 10,000 square feet (929 m<sup>2</sup>) bounded by not less than a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation within which the exempt amounts of hazardous materials may be stored, dispensed, handled or used. Up through the third floor and down through the first basement floor, the quantity in this table shall apply. Fourth, fifth and sixth floors and the second and third basement floor level quantity shall be reduced to 75 percent of this table. The seventh through 10th floor and below the third basement floor level quantity shall be reduced to 50 percent of this table.
2. Quantities may be increased 100 percent when stored in approved exhausted gas cabinets, exhausted enclosures or fume hoods.

**TABLE 316.7(2)**  
**EXEMPT AMOUNTS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, LIQUIDS AND CHEMICALS**  
**PRESENTING A PHYSICAL HAZARD BASIC QUANTITIES PER LABORATORY SUITE<sup>1</sup>**  
**When two units are given, values within parentheses are in pounds (lbs.)**

MATERIAL	STORAGE			USE CLOSED SYSTEMS			USE OPEN SYSTEMS	
	Solid lb	Liquid Gallons (lb)	Gas cu. ft	Solid lb	Liquid Gallons (lb)	Gas (cu. ft)	Solid lb	Liquid Gallons (lb)
1. Corrosives	5,000	500	650 <sup>2</sup>	5,000	500	650	1,000	100
2a. Highly toxics <sup>2</sup>	40	10	65	5	1	65	2	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
2b. Toxics	500	50	650 <sup>2</sup>	500	50	650	5	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
3. Irritants	5,000	500	650	5,000	500	650	1,000	100
4. Sensitizers	5,000	500	650	5,000	500	650	1,000	100
5. Other health hazards	5,000	500	650	5,000	500	650	1,000	100

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2. Permitted only when stored or used in approved exhausted gas cabinets, exhausted enclosures or fume hoods. Quantities of high toxics in use in open systems need not be reduced above the third floor or below the first basement floor level. Individual container size shall be limited to 2 pounds (0.91 kg) for solids and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> gallon (0.95 L) for liquids.

**317.1.2 Public school buildings. [DSA-SS]** The provisions of Sections 317 through 323 establish minimum standards for earthquake evaluation and design for the rehabilitation of existing buildings for use as public school buildings under the jurisdiction of the Division of the State Architect—Structural Safety [DSA-SS], refer to Section 1.9.2.1.

The provisions of Section 317 through 323 also establish minimum standards for earthquake evaluation and design for rehabilitation of existing public buildings currently under the jurisdiction of DSA-SS.

**317.1.2.1 Reference to other chapters.** For public schools, where reference within this chapter is made to sections in Chapters 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 or 22 of the California Building Code, the provisions in Chapters 16A, 17A, 18A, 19A, 21A and 22A of the California Building Code, respectively, shall apply instead.

**317.1.3 Community college buildings. [DSA-SS/CC]** The provisions of Sections 317 through 323 establish minimum standards for earthquake evaluation and design for the rehabilitation of existing buildings for use as community college buildings under the jurisdiction of the Division of the State Architect—Structural Safety/Community Colleges [DSA-SS/CC], refer to Section 1.9.2.2.

The provisions of Section 317 through 323 also establish minimum standards for earthquake evaluation and design for rehabilitation of existing community college buildings currently under the jurisdiction of DSA-SS/CC.

**317.1.3.1 Reference to other chapters.** For community colleges, where reference within this chapter is made to sections in Chapters 17 or 18 of the California Building Code, the provisions in Chapters 17A and 18A of the California Building Code, respectively, shall apply instead.

**317.2 Scope.** All alterations, structurally connected additions and/or repairs to existing structures or portions thereof shall,

at a minimum, be designed and constructed to resist the effects of seismic ground motions as provided in this section. The structural system shall be evaluated by a registered design professional and, if not meeting or exceeding the minimum seismic design performance requirements of this section, shall be retrofitted in compliance with these requirements.

**Exception:** Those structures for which Section 317.3 determines that assessment is not required, or for which Section 317.4 determines that retrofit is not needed, then only the requirements of Section 317.11 apply.

### **317.3 Applicability.**

**317.3.1 Existing state-owned buildings. [BSC]** For existing state-owned structures including all buildings owned by the University of California and the California State University, the requirements of Section 317 apply whenever the structure is to be retrofitted, repaired or modified and any of the following apply:

1. Total construction cost, not including cost of furnishings, fixtures and equipment, or normal maintenance, for the building exceeds 25 percent of the construction cost for the replacement of the existing building. The changes are cumulative for past modifications to the building that occurred after adoption of the 1995 California Building Code and did not require seismic retrofit.
2. There are changes in risk category.
3. The modification to the structural components increases the seismic forces in or strength requirements of any structural component of the existing structure by more than 10 percent cumulative since the original construction, unless the component has the capacity to resist the increased forces determined in accordance with Section 319. If the building's seismic base shear capacity has been increased since the original construction, the per-

cent change in base shear may be calculated relative to the increased value.

4. Structural elements need repair where the damage has reduced the lateral-load-resisting capacity of the structural system by more than 10 percent.
5. Changes in live or dead load increase story shear by more than 10 percent.

**317.3.2 Public school buildings. [DSA-SS]** For public schools, the provisions of Section 317 apply when required in accordance with Sections 4-307 and 4-309(c) of the California Administrative Code.

**317.3.3 Community college buildings. [DSA-SS/CC]** For community colleges, the provisions of Section 317 apply when required in accordance with Sections 4-307 and 4-309(c) of the California Administrative Code.

**317.4 Evaluation required.** If the criteria in Section 317.3 apply to the project under consideration, the design professional of record shall provide an evaluation in accordance with Section 317 to determine the seismic performance of the building in its current configuration and condition. If the structure's seismic performance as required by Section 317.5 is evaluated as satisfactory and the peer reviewer(s), when Method B of Section 321 is used, concur, then no structural retrofit is required.

**317.5 Minimum seismic design performance levels for structural and nonstructural components.** Following the notations of ASCE 41, the seismic requirements for design and assessment are based upon a prescribed Seismic Hazard Level (BSE-1N, BSE-2N, BSE-1E, BSE-R or BSE-C), a specified structural performance level (S-1 through S-5) and a nonstructural performance level (N-A through N-E). The minimum seismic performance criteria are given in Table 317.5 according to the Building Regulatory Authority

and the Risk Category as determined in Chapter 16 of the California Building Code or by the regulatory authority. The building shall be evaluated in accordance with a Tier 3 Systematic Evaluation and Retrofit per ASCE 41 Chapter 6 for both the Level 1 and Level 2 performance levels, and the more restrictive requirements shall apply.

**Exception:** If the floor area of an addition is greater than the larger of 50 percent of the floor area of the original building or 1,000 square feet (93 m<sup>2</sup>), then the Table 317.5 entries for BSE-R (or BSE-1E) and BSE-C are replaced by BSE-1N and BSE-2N, respectively.

**317.6 Retrofit required.** Where the evaluation indicates the building does not meet the required performance objectives of this section, the owner shall take appropriate steps to ensure that the building's structural system is retrofitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 317. Appropriate steps are either: 1) undertake the seismic retrofit as part of the additions, alterations and/or repairs of the structure; or 2) provide a plan, acceptable to the building official, to complete the seismic retrofit in a timely manner. The relocation or moving of an existing building is considered to be an alteration requiring filing of the plans and specifications approved by the building official.

**317.7** The additions, alteration or repair to any existing building are permitted to be prepared in accordance with the structural and nonstructural requirements for a new building as given in the California Building Code, applied to the entire building.

**317.8** The requirements of ASCE 41 Chapters 14 and 15 are to apply to the use of seismic isolation and passive energy systems, respectively, for the repair, voluntary lateral-force-resisting system modification or retrofit of an existing structure. When seismic isolation or passive energy dissipation is

**TABLE 317.5**  
**SEISMIC PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS<sup>2,3</sup> BY BUILDING REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND RISK CATEGORY**

BUILDING REGULATORY AUTHORITY	RISK CATEGORY	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA <sup>1</sup>	
		Level 1	Level 2
State-Owned [BSC]	I, II, III	BSE-R, S-3, N-C	BSE-C, S-5, N-D
State-Owned [BSC]	IV	BSE-R, S-2, N-B	BSE-C, S-4, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS]	I	BSE-1N, S-3, N-B	BSE-2N, S-5, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS]	II, III	BSE-1N, S-2, N-B	BSE-2N, S-4, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS]	IV	BSE-1N, S-2, N-A	BSE-2N, S-4, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS/CC]	I, II	BSE-1E, S-3, N-C	BSE-2N, S-5, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS/CC]	III	BSE-1E, S-3, N-B	BSE-2N, S-5, N-D
Division of the State Architect - [DSA-SS/CC]	IV	BSE-1E, S-2, N-B	BSE-2N, S-4, N-D

1. ASCE 41 provides acceptance criteria (e.g., m, rotation) for Immediate Occupancy (S1), Life Safety (S3) and Collapse Prevention (S5), and specifies in Sections 2.3.1.2.1 and 2.3.1.4.1 the method to interpolate values for S-2 and S-4, respectively. For nonstructural components, N-A corresponds to the Operational level, N-B to the Position Retention, N-C to the Life Safety level, N-D to the Hazards Reduced, and N-E to the Not Considered. When evaluating for the Hazards Reduced Nonstructural Performance Level, the requirements need not be greater than what would be required by ASCE 7 nonstructural provisions for new construction.

2. Buildings evaluated and retrofitted to meet the structural and nonstructural requirements for a new building as given in the California Building Code as adopted by DSA or BSC, as applicable, are deemed to meet the seismic performance requirements of this section.

3. Buildings complying with the requirements of the exception in Section 319.1 are deemed to meet the seismic performance requirements of this section.

used, the project must have project peer review as prescribed in Section 322.

**317.9** Any construction required by this chapter shall include structural observation by the registered design professional who is responsible for the structural design in accordance with Section 319.10.

**317.10** Where Method B of Section 321 is used or is required by Section 319.7, the proposed method of building evaluation and design procedures must be accepted by the building official prior to the commencement of the work.

**317.11 Voluntary lateral-force-resisting system modifications.** Where the exception of Section 317.2 applies, modifications of existing structural components and additions of new structural components that are initiated for the purpose of improving the seismic performance of an existing structure and that are not required by other portions of this chapter are permitted under the requirements of Section 319.12.

## SECTION 318 DEFINITIONS

**318.1** In addition to the definitions given in Section 202, for the purposes of Sections 317 through 323, certain terms are defined as follows:

**[DSA-SS & DSA-SS/CC]** For the purposes of Section 317 through 323, definitions of terms given in Section 4-207 or 4-314 of the California Administrative Code govern over those in Section 202.

**ADDITION [BSC]** means any work that increases the floor or roof area or the volume of enclosed space of an existing building, and is structurally attached to the existing building by connections that are required for transmitting vertical or horizontal loads between the addition and the existing structure.

**ALTERATION [BSC]** means any change within or to an existing building, which does not increase and may decrease the floor or roof area or the volume of enclosed space.

**BSE-C RESPONSE ACCELERATION PARAMETERS [BSC]** are the parameters ( $S_{XS}$  and  $S_{XI}$ ) taken from 5-percent/50-year maximum direction spectral response acceleration curves or by a Site Specific Response Spectrum developed in accordance with ASCE 41, Section 2.4.2.1.

**BSE-R RESPONSE ACCELERATION PARAMETERS [BSC]** are the parameters ( $S_{XS}$  and  $S_{XI}$ ) taken from 20-percent/50-year maximum direction spectral response acceleration curves or by a Site Specific Response Spectrum developed in accordance with ASCE 41, Section 2.4.2.1.

**REPAIR** as used in this chapter means the design and construction work undertaken to restore or enhance the structural and nonstructural load-resisting system participating in the lateral response and stability of a structure that has experienced damage from earthquakes or other destructive events.

## SECTION 319 SEISMIC CRITERIA SELECTION FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

**319.1 Basis for evaluation and design.** This section determines what technical approach is to be used for the seismic evaluation and design for existing buildings. For those buildings or portions of buildings for which Section 317 requires action, the procedures and limitations for the evaluation of existing buildings and design of retrofit systems and/or repair thereof shall be implemented in accordance with this section.

One of the following approaches must be used:

1. Method A of Section 320;
2. Method B of Section 321, with independent review of a peer reviewer as required in Section 322; or
3. For state-owned buildings only, the use of one of the specific procedures listed in Section 319.1.1.

When Method B is chosen it must be approved by the building official, and, where applicable, by the peer reviewer. All referenced standards in ASCE 41 shall be replaced by referenced standards listed in Chapter 35 of the California Building Code.

### Exceptions:

1. **[BSC]** For buildings constructed to the requirements of California Building Code, 2016 or later edition, as adopted by the governing jurisdiction, that code is permitted to be used in place of those specified in Section 319.1.
2. **[DSA-SS & DSA-SS/CC]** For the conversion of nonconforming buildings to conforming school buildings in accordance with Section 4-307 of the California Administrative Code, nonconforming buildings constructed to the requirements of California Building Code, 2016 or later edition, that code as it was adopted by the governing jurisdiction is permitted to be used in place of those specified in Section 319.1 provided the building complies with Seismic Design Category D or higher.

**319.1.1 Specific procedures. [BSC]** For state-owned buildings, the following specific procedures located in Appendix A may be used, without peer review, for their respective types of construction to comply with the seismic performance requirements for Risk Category I, II or III buildings:

1. Seismic Strengthening Provisions for Unreinforced Masonry Bearing Wall Buildings (Chapter A1).
2. Earthquake Hazard Reduction in Existing Reinforced Concrete and Reinforced Masonry Wall Buildings with Flexible Diaphragms (Chapter A2).

**319.1.2** When a design project is begun under Method B the selection of the peer reviewer is subject to the approval of the building official. Following approval by the peer reviewer, the seismic criteria for the project and the planned evaluation provisions must be approved by the

building official. The approved seismic criteria and evaluation provisions shall apply. Upon approval of the building official these are permitted to be modified.

**319.1.3** For state-owned and community college buildings, where unreinforced masonry is not bearing, it may be used only to resist applied lateral loads. Where unreinforced masonry walls are part of the structure they must be assessed for stability under the applicable nonstructural evaluation procedure.

**319.1.4 Public schools. [DSA-SS]** For public schools, unreinforced masonry shall not be used to resist in-plane or out-of-plane seismic forces or superimposed gravity loads.

**319.1.5 Public schools. [DSA-SS]** Wood horizontal diaphragms and wood vertical shear walls shall consist of either diagonal lumber sheathing or structural panel sheathing. Braced horizontal diaphragms may be acceptable when approved by DSA. Straight lumber sheathing may be used as diaphragms or shear walls only when overlain with structural panel sheathing. Let-in bracing, plaster (stucco), hollow clay tile, gypsum wallboard and particleboard sheathing shall not be relied upon to resist seismic forces.

**319.2 Existing conditions.** The existing condition and properties of the entire structure must be determined and documented by thorough inspection of the structure and site, review of all available related construction documents, review of geotechnical and engineering geologic reports, and performance of necessary testing and investigation. Where samples from the existing structure are taken or in situ tests are performed, they shall be selected and interpreted in a statistically appropriate manner to ensure that the properties determined and used in the evaluation or design are representative of the conditions and structural circumstances likely to be encountered in the structure as a whole. Adjacent structures or site features that may affect the retrofit design shall be identified.

The entire load path of the seismic-force-resisting system shall be determined, documented and evaluated. The load path includes all the horizontal and vertical elements participating in the structural response: such as diaphragms, diaphragm chords, diaphragm collectors, vertical elements such as walls frames, braces; foundations and the connections between the components and elements of the load path. Repaired or retrofitted elements and the standards under which the work was constructed shall be identified.

Data collection in accordance with ASCE 41 Section 6.2 shall meet the following minimum levels:

1. **[BSC]** For state-owned buildings, the requirements shall be met following the data collection requirements of ASCE 41, Section 6.2.
2. **[DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC]** For public schools and community college buildings constructed in conformance with the Field Act, the "Usual" level as defined in ASCE 41, Section 6.2.2.
3. **[DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC]** For public schools and community college buildings not constructed in confor-

mance with the Field Act, the "Comprehensive" level as defined in ASCE 41, Section 6.2.3.

Concrete material requirements and testing for public school and community college buildings shall also comply with Sections 1911A and 1909.5 of the California Building Code, respectively.

Qualified test data from the original construction may be accepted, in part or in whole, by the enforcement agency to fulfill the data collection requirements.

#### Exceptions:

1. The number of samples for data collection may be adjusted with approval of the enforcement agency when it has been determined that adequate information has been obtained or additional information is required.
2. Welded steel moment frame connections of buildings that may have experienced potentially damaging ground motions shall be inspected in accordance with Chapters 3 and 4, FEMA 352, Recommended Post Earthquake Evaluation and Repair Criteria for Welded Moment-Frame Construction for Seismic Applications (July 2000).

Where original building plans and specifications are not available, "as-built" plans shall be prepared that depict the existing vertical and lateral structural systems, exterior elements, foundations and nonstructural systems in sufficient detail to complete the design.

Data collection shall be directed and observed by the project structural engineer or design professional in charge of the design.

**319.3 Site geology and soil characteristics.** Soil profile shall be assigned in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 18 of the California Building Code.

**319.4 Risk categories.** Each structure shall be placed in one of the Risk Categories in accordance with the requirements of the California Building Code.

**319.5 Configuration requirements.** Each structure shall be designated structurally regular or irregular in accordance with the requirements of ASCE 41, Sections 7.3.1.1.1 to 7.3.1.1.4.

**319.6 General selection of the design method.** The requirements of Method B (Section 321) may be used for any existing building.

**319.7 Prescriptive selection of the design method.** The requirements of Method A (Section 320) or the specific procedures for applicable building types given in Section 319.1.1 are permitted to be used except under the following conditions, where the requirements of Method B (Section 321) must be used.

**319.7.1** When the building contains prestressed or post-tensioned structural components (beams, columns, walls or slabs) or contains precast structural components (beams, columns, walls or flooring systems).

**319.7.2** When the building is classified as irregular in vertical or horizontal plan. If the evaluation and retrofit is in

accordance with Table 317.5 Footnote 2 or 3, the building shall be classified by application of ASCE 7, Section 12.3.2. If the evaluation and retrofit is in accordance with ASCE 41, the building shall be classified as irregular when an irregularity defined in ASCE 41, Sections 7.3.1.1.1 to 7.3.1.1.4 exists.

**Exception:** Section 319.7.2 does not apply in the following conditions:

1. The retrofit design removes the configurational attributes that caused the building to be classified as irregular.
2. The irregularity is demonstrated not to affect the seismic performance of the building.

**319.7.3** For any building that is assigned to Risk Category IV.

**319.7.4** For any building using undefined or hybrid structural systems.

**319.7.5** When seismic isolation or energy dissipation systems are used in the retrofit or repair, either as part of the existing structure or as part of the modifications.

**319.7.6** When the height of the structure exceeds 240 feet (73 152 mm).

**319.7.7** When ASCE 41 is the evaluation standard and its application requires the use of nonlinear procedures.

**319.8 Strength requirements.** All components of the lateral-force-resisting system must have the strength to meet the acceptance criteria prescribed in ASCE 41, Chapter 7 or as prescribed in the applicable Appendix A chapter of this code if a specific procedure in Section 319.1.1 is used. Any component not having this strength shall have its capacity increased by modifying or supplementing its strength so that it exceeds the demand, or the demand is reduced to less than the existing strength by making other modifications to the structural system.

**Exception:** A component's strength is permitted to be less than that required by the specified seismic load combinations if it can be demonstrated that the associated reduction in seismic performance of the component or its removal due to the failure does not result in a structural system that does not comply with the required performance objectives of Section 317. If this exception is taken for a component, then it cannot be considered part of the primary lateral-load-resisting system.

**319.9 Nonstructural component requirements.** Where the nonstructural performance levels required by Section 317, Table 317.5 are N-D or higher, mechanical, electrical and plumbing components shall comply with the provisions of ASCE 41, Chapter 13, Section 13.2.

**Exception:** Modifications to the procedures and criteria may be made subject to approval by the building official, and concurrence of the peer reviewer if applicable. All reports and correspondence shall also be forwarded to the building official.

**319.10 Structural observation, testing and inspection.** Structural observation, testing and inspection as used in this sec-

tion shall mean meeting the requirements of Chapter 17 of the California Building Code, with a minimum allowable level of investigation corresponding to seismic design category (SDC) D. Structural observation visits shall occur at significant construction stages and at the completion of the structural retrofit. Structural observation shall be provided for all structures.

**Additional requirements: [DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC]** For public schools and community colleges, construction material testing, inspection and observation during construction shall also comply with the California Administrative Code.

**319.10.1** The requirement for structural observation shall be noted and prominently displayed on the front sheet of the approved plans and incorporated into the general notes on the approved plans.

**319.10.2 Preconstruction meeting.** A preconstruction meeting is mandatory for all projects which require structural observation. The meeting shall include, but is not limited to, the registered design professional, structural observer, general constructor, affected subcontractors, the project inspector and a representative of the enforcement agency (designated alternates may attend if approved by the structural observer). The structural observer shall schedule and coordinate this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to identify and clarify all essential structural components and connections that affect the lateral and vertical load systems and to review scheduling of the required observations for the project's structural system retrofit.

**319.11 Temporary actions.** When compatible with the building use, and the time phasing for both use and the retrofit program, temporary shoring or other structural support is permitted to be considered. Temporary bracing, shoring and prevention of falling hazards are permitted to be used to qualify for Item 1 in Section 319.12 that allows inadequate capability in some existing components, as long as the required performance levels given in Section 317 can be provided by the permanent structure. The consideration for such temporary actions shall be noted in the design documents.

**319.12 Voluntary modifications to the lateral-force resisting system.** Where modifications of existing structural components and additions of new structural components are initiated for the purpose of improving the lateral-force resisting strength or stiffness of an existing structure and they are not required by other sections of this code, then they are permitted to be designed to meet an approved seismic performance criteria provided that an engineering analysis is submitted that follows:

1. The capacity of existing structural components required to resist forces is not reduced, unless it can be demonstrated that reduced capacity meets the requirements of Section 319.8.
2. The lateral loading to or strength requirement of existing structural components is not increased beyond their capacity.

## CHAPTER 3A

# PROVISIONS FOR ALL COMPLIANCE METHODS

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### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 3 explains the three compliance options for alterations and additions available in the code. In addition, this chapter also lays out the methods to be used for seismic design and evaluation throughout this code. Finally, this chapter clarifies that provisions in other I-Codes® related to repairs, alterations, additions, relocation and changes of occupancy must also be addressed unless they conflict with this code. In that case, this code takes precedence.

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### SECTION 301A ADMINISTRATION

**301A.1 Applicability.** *The provisions of this chapter shall control the alteration, repair, addition and change of occupancy of existing structures for applications listed in Sections 1.10.1 [OSHPD 1] regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).*

*California Energy Commission, State Fire Marshal and DSA-AC requirements for existing structures shall be enforced by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).*

**301A.1.1 Bleachers, grandstands and folding and telescopic seating.** Existing bleachers, grandstands and folding and telescopic seating shall comply with ICC 300.

**301A.2 Repairs.** Repairs shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 4A.

**301A.3 Alteration, addition or change of occupancy.** The alteration, addition or change of occupancy of all existing buildings or structures shall comply with one of the methods or categories listed in Section 301A.3.1, 301A.3.2 or 301A.3.3. Section 304A.3.2 applies to all methods or categories. Sections 301A.3.1 through 301A.3.3 shall not be applied in combination with each other, except when permitted by the enforcement agency.

**Exception:** Subject to the approval of the enforcement agency, alterations complying with the laws in existence at the time the building or the affected portion of the building was built shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code. New structural members added as part of the alteration shall comply with the *California Building Code*.

**301A.3.1 Prescriptive compliance method.** Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy complying with Chapter 5A of this code for existing buildings or structures shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

**301A.3.2 Nonconforming buildings.** Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing buildings or structures designed in accordance with the Pre-1973 building code complying with Section 304A.3.1 and the applicable requirements herein shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

**301A.3.3 Performance-based method.** Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing buildings or

structures complying with Sections 304A.3.4 and 304A.3.5 of this code shall be considered in compliance with the provisions of this code.

**301A.4 Moved structures.** Structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of the California Building Code for new structures.

**301A.5 Reserved.**

**301A.6 Peer review requirements.** Peer review requirements shall comply with California Building Code Section 1617A.1.41.

**301A.7 Earthquake monitoring instruments for existing buildings.** Earthquake monitoring instrumentation of existing buildings shall comply with Section 313A.

**301A.8 Compliance alternatives for services/systems and utilities.** Compliance alternatives for services/systems and utilities shall comply with Section 310A.

**301A.9 Compliance alternatives for means of egress.** Means of egress through existing buildings shall comply with Section 311A.

**301A.10 Removal of hospital buildings from general acute care services.** Removal of hospital buildings from General Acute Care Services shall comply with Section 312A.

**301A.11 Hospital buildings removed from general acute care services.** Hospital buildings removed from general acute care services shall comply with Section 312A.

### SECTION 302A GENERAL PROVISIONS

**302A.1 Dangerous conditions.** The code official shall have the authority to require the elimination of conditions deemed dangerous.

**302A.2 Additional codes.** Alterations, repairs, additions and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing buildings and structures shall comply with the provisions for alterations, repairs, additions and changes of occupancy or relocation, respectively, in the California Fire Code, California Mechanical Code, California Plumbing Code and California Electrical Code. Where provisions of the other codes conflict with provisions of this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall take precedence.

**302A.2.1 Additional codes in health care.** In existing Group I-2 occupancies, ambulatory health care facilities, outpatient clinics and hyperbaric facilities, alterations,

repairs, additions and changes of occupancy to, or relocation of, existing buildings and structures shall also comply with NFPA 99.

**302A.3 Existing materials and equipment.** Materials and equipment already in use in a building in compliance with requirements or approvals in effect at the time of their erection or installation shall be permitted to remain in use unless determined by the code official to be unsafe in accordance with California Building Code Section 116.

**302A.3.1 Existing seismic force-resisting systems.** Where the existing seismic force-resisting system is a type that can be designated ordinary or is a welded steel moment frame constructed under a permit issued prior to October 25, 1994, values of  $R$ ,  $\Omega_0$  and  $C_d$  for the existing seismic force-resisting system shall be those specified by this code for an ordinary system unless it is demonstrated that the existing system will provide performance equivalent to that of a detailed, intermediate or special system.

**302A.4 New and replacement materials.** Except as otherwise required or permitted by this code, materials and equipment permitted by the applicable code for new construction shall be used. Like materials shall be permitted for repairs and alterations, provided no hazard to life, health or property is created. Hazardous materials shall not be used where the code for new construction would not permit their use in buildings of similar occupancy, purpose and location.

**[BS] 302A.4.1 New structural members and connections.** New structural members and connections shall comply with the detailing provisions of the California Building Code for new buildings of similar structure, purpose and location.

**Exception:** Where alternative design criteria are specifically permitted.

**302A.5 Occupancy and use.** Where determining the appropriate application of the referenced sections of this code, the occupancy and use of a building shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 3 of the California Building Code.

**302A.6 Maintenance.** Buildings and structures, and parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. Devices or safeguards which are required by this code shall be maintained in conformance with the code edition under which they were installed. The owner or the owner's designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings and structures. To determine compliance with this subsection, the building official shall have the authority to require a building or structure to be re-inspected. The requirements of this chapter shall not provide the basis for removal or abrogation of fire protection and safety systems and devices in existing structures.

**302A.7 Construction documents for retrofit or rehabilitation.** The design loads and other information pertinent to the structural design required by California Building Code Section 1603A shall be included in the drawings. In addition to the information required by California Building Code Section 1603A.1.5, the drawings shall show the ground motion hazard used for the retrofit or rehabilitation

as either a percentage of the California Building Code prescribed ground motion for new hospital buildings, or ASCE 41 seismic hazard designation, or a probability of exceedance in a specified time period, or a return period for exceedance of the specified ground motion.

## SECTION 303A RESERVED

## SECTION 304A STRUCTURAL DESIGN LOADS AND EVALUATION AND DESIGN PROCEDURES

**[BS] 304A.1 Live loads.** Where an addition or alteration does not result in increased design live load, existing gravity load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to be evaluated and designed for live loads approved prior to the addition or alteration. If the approved live load is less than that required by Section 1607A of the California Building Code, the area designated for the nonconforming live load shall be posted with placards of approved design indicating the approved live load. Where the addition or alteration results in increased design live load, the live load required by Section 1607A of the California Building Code shall be used.

**[BS] 304A.2 Snow loads on adjacent buildings.** Where an alteration or addition changes the potential snow drift effects on an adjacent building, the code official is authorized to enforce Section 7.12 of ASCE 7.

**[BS] 304A.3 Additions, alterations, repairs and seismic retrofit to existing buildings or structures.**

**[BS] 304A.3.1 Structures designed in accordance with pre-1973 building code.** Provisions of this section shall apply to hospital buildings which were originally designed to pre-1973 building codes and not designated as SPC 3 or higher in accordance with Chapter 6 of the California Administrative Code.

**304A.3.1.1 Incidental and minor structural alteration, additions or repairs.** Incidental and minor structural additions shall be permitted, provided the additions meet the California Building Code for new construction using importance factor,  $I_e$ , equal to or greater than 1.0. Alterations or repair to existing gravity and lateral force-resisting systems shall be made to conform to the requirements of Section 503A or Chapter 4A, respectively, using importance factor,  $I_e$ , equal to or greater than 1.0.

1. **Nonstructural components.** Component importance factor,  $I_p$ , shall be permitted to be 1.0.

**Exception:** Components required for life-safety purposes after an earthquake, including emergency and standby power systems, mechanical smoke removal systems, fire protection sprinkler systems, fire alarm control panels and egress stairways shall have a component importance factor ( $I_p$ ) of 1.5.

**304A.3.1.2 Major structural alteration, additions or repairs.** Major structural alterations, additions or

code (CEBC) using procedure of this standard (ASCE 41) as follows:

1. Structural components shall be evaluated in accordance with Tier 3 systematic evaluations procedure in Chapter 6.
2. Nonstructural components shall be evaluated in accordance with Chapter 13.

**Exception:** For general acute care hospitals, seismic evaluation shall be permitted to be in accordance with Chapter 6 of the California Administrative Code (CAC) when required by provisions of that chapter.

**304A.3.5.2 ASCE 41 Section 2.4 Seismic Hazard.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 2.4 with the following:

Response spectra and acceleration time histories shall be constructed in accordance with 2016 California Building Code (CBC) Sections 1613A, 1616A, and 1803A.6 or equivalent provision in later versions of the CBC.

**304A.3.5.3 ASCE 41 Section 6.2.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 6.2 with the following:

**Data Collection Requirements.** The extent of data collection shall be at Comprehensive level for all structures, including structures upgraded to SPC-4D. A testing program for materials properties shall be approved by the enforcement agent prior to commencement of material testing work. Previously approved material test results shall be permitted to be used to satisfy part of the comprehensive data collection requirements.

**Exception:** Data collection at Usual level shall be permitted for structures with SPC-2 or lower target performance objective.

Tension testing of reinforcing bars shall be in accordance with ASTM A615. All test specimens shall be the full section of the bar as rolled (8-in. gage length) and shall not be reduced.

At test sample locations, structural members, slabs and walls shall be repaired to a state that is equivalent to their original condition.

For buildings built under an OSHPD permit based on the 1976 or later edition of the CBC, where materials properties are shown on design drawings and original materials test data are available, no materials testing shall be required when approved by the enforcement agent.

**304A.3.5.4 ASCE 41 Section 7.3.2.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 7.3.2.1 with the following:

**Nonlinear Static Procedure.** If higher mode effects are significant and building is taller than 75 feet above the base, the Nonlinear Dynamic Procedure shall be used.

**304A.3.5.5 ASCE 41 Section 7.5.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 7.5.1 with the following:

**Acceptance Criteria – Drift Limitations.** The inter-story drift ratio shall not exceed the drift limits for

Risk Category IV buildings in ASCE 7 Table 12.12-1 due to forces corresponding to BSE-1E or BSE-1N, as applicable.

**Exception:** Larger interstory drift ratios shall be permitted where justified by rational analysis that items identified in Chapter 6 Article 10 of the California Administrative Code can tolerate such drift and approved by the enforcement agent.

**304A.3.5.6 ASCE 41 Section 7.5.1.4.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 7.5.1.4 by the following:

**Material Properties.** Expected material properties are not permitted to be determined by multiplying lower bound values by the assumed factors specified in Chapters 8 through 12 and shall be based exclusively on materials tests.

**304A.3.5.7 ASCE 41 Section 8.4.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 8.4 with the following:

**Foundation Strength and Stiffness.** Foundation and soil strength shall be used to evaluate potential overturning, uplift and sliding for fixed base assumptions, and stiffness for flexible base assumptions, including deformations associated with those actions.

**304A.3.5.8 ASCE 41 Section 8.4.1.1.** Replace ASCE 41 Section 8.4.1.1 as follows:

**Prescriptive Expected Capacities.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**304A.3.5.9 ASCE 41 Section 8.4.2.3.2.1** Modify ASCE 41 Sections 8.4.2.3.2.1 and 8.4.2.3.2.2 as follows:

**8.4.2.3.2.1** Alternatively, when seismic evaluation is performed for foundation after global analysis of the superstructure is complete, both overturning and axial seismic pseudo force demands are permitted to be divided by the *m*-factors above, provided the foundation is analyzed as a beam on Winkler springs (soil does not resist tension). The vertical spring stiffness values may be determined either from Figure 8-2 or Equation 8-11, or as provided by the geotechnical engineer. Acceptance criteria for soil bearing shall be considered met, based on one of the following methods, either A or B:

- A) Soil spring reactions are limited by the ultimate soil bearing capacity, and the foundation system is stable under the applied loads.
- B) The resisting soil pressure distribution under the footing is triangular such that the maximum soil bearing pressure at any point of the footing is less than the ultimate soil bearing capacity.

Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, higher soil pressures may be permitted when appropriately justified.

The evaluation of the foundation structural element shall be considered as force controlled in accordance with the material chapters using the bearing pressure distribution under the footing from the same method used for the soil bearing acceptance criteria.

**8.4.2.3.2.2** Alternatively, superstructure pseudo force overturning demands to the foundation are permitted to be divided by the appropriate  $m$ -factors above and applied to the mathematical model representing the foundation system only, re-analyzed as a beam on Winkler springs (soil does not resist tension). Acceptance criteria for soil bearing shall be considered met, based on one of the following methods, either A or B:

- A) Soil spring reactions are limited by the ultimate soil bearing capacity, and the foundation system is stable under the applied loads.
- B) The resisting soil pressure distribution under the footing is triangular, and the maximum soil bearing pressure at any point of the footing is less than the ultimate soil bearing capacity.

Subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction, higher soil pressures may be permitted when appropriately justified.

The evaluation of the foundation structural element shall be considered as force controlled in accordance with the material chapters using the bearing pressure distribution under the footing from the same method used for the soil bearing acceptance criteria.

**304A.3.5.10 ASCE 41 Section 8.5.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 8.5.1 with the following:

The product of  $RRS_{bsa} \times RRS_e$  shall not be less than 0.7.

The combined effect of kinematic interaction and foundation damping shall meet the following:

1. The site specific response spectrum modified for soil-structure interaction effects shall not be taken as less than 80 percent of the spectral acceleration as determined from a site-specific response spectrum in accordance with ASCE 7 Section 21.3, or
2. The site specific response spectrum modified for soil-structure interaction effects shall not be taken as less than 70 percent of the spectral acceleration as determined from the design response spectrum and  $MCE_R$  response spectrum in accordance with ASCE 7 Sections 11.4.5 and 11.4.6, respectively.

**Exception:** For the seismic retrofit of existing nonconforming buildings, design ground motion shall be consistent with performance objectives in Section 304A.3.4.

**304A.3.5.11 ASCE 41 Section 8.6.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 8.6 with the following:

**Seismic Earth Pressure.** Where the grade difference from one side of the building to another exceeds one-half story height, the seismic increment of earth pressure shall be added to the gravity lateral earth pressure to evaluate the building overturning and sliding stability and the lateral force-resisting system below grade in combination with the building seismic forces.

**304A.3.5.12 ASCE 41 Section 10.7.1.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 10.7.1.1 with the following:

**Monolithic Reinforced Concrete Shear Walls and Wall Segments.** For nonlinear procedures, shear walls or wall segments with axial loads greater than  $0.35 P_o$  shall be included in the model as primary elements with appropriate strength and stiffness degrading properties assigned to those components subject to the approval of the enforcement agent. For linear procedures, the effects of deformation compatibility shall be investigated using moment-curvature section analyses and cyclic testing results of similar components to determine whether strengthening is necessary to maintain the gravity load-carrying capacity of that component.

Horizontal wall segments or spandrels reinforced similar to vertical wall segments or piers shall be classified as wall segments, not shear wall coupling beams, in Tables 10-19 through 10-22.

**304A.3.5.13 ASCE 41 Section 10.12.3** Modify ASCE 41 Section 10.12.3 as follows:

**Exception:** Component actions that are deformation controlled are permitted to use their expected strengths for the acceptance criteria.

**304A.3.5.14 ASCE 41 Section 11.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 11.1 by the following:

**Scope:** Unreinforced masonry walls (including unreinforced infill walls) and partitions are not permitted for General Acute Care (GAC) hospital buildings.

**304A.3.5.15 ASCE 41 Section 14.1.** Modify ASCE 41 Section 14.1 by the following:

**Scope:** For buildings located in Seismic Design Category F, verification of the interstory lateral displacements, the strength adequacy of the seismic force-resisting system and anchorage to the foundation shall be accomplished using the Nonlinear Dynamic Procedure.

**304A.3.5.16 ASCE 41 Chapter 15 and 16.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

## SECTION 305A IN-SITU LOAD TESTS

**[BS] 305A.1 General.** Where used, in-situ load tests shall be conducted in accordance with Section 1708A of the California Building Code.

## SECTION 306A ACCESSIBILITY FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

**306A.1 Scope.** Accessibility requirements for existing buildings shall comply with the California Building Code, Part 2, Volume 1, Chapter 11B.

## SECTION 307A SMOKE ALARMS

Shall comply with the California Building Standards Code.

## SECTION 308A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION

*Shall comply with the California Building Standards Code.*

## SECTION 309A RESERVED

## SECTION 310A COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES FOR SERVICES/SYSTEMS AND UTILITIES

**310A.1 General.** *The provisions of this section are intended to maintain or increase the current degree of public safety, health and general welfare in existing buildings while permitting repair, alteration, addition and change of occupancy without requiring full compliance with California Building Code Chapters 2 through 33, or Sections 302A.3 and 502A through 506A, except where compliance with other provisions of this code is specifically required in this section.*

*Services/systems and utilities that originate in and pass through or under buildings and are necessary to the operation of the hospital buildings shall meet the structural requirements of this section. Examples of services/systems and utilities include but are not limited to normal power; emergency power; nurse call; fire alarm; communication and data systems; space-heating systems; process load systems; cooling systems; domestic hot and cold water systems; means of egress systems; fire-suppression systems; building drain and sewer systems; and medical gas systems that support basic and supplemental services.*

*After January 1, 2030, services/systems and utilities for acute care hospital buildings shall not originate in or pass through or under a nonhospital or hospital building unless it has approved performance categories of SPC-3 or higher and NPC-5.*

**310A.1.1 Services/systems and utilities.** *Services/systems and utilities that are necessary to the operation of the hospital buildings shall meet the structural requirements of this section, based upon the approved Structural Performance Category (SPC) of the building receiving the services/systems and utilities.*

*Services from a conforming building shall be permitted to serve a nonconforming building with prior approval of the Office. The services/systems and utilities in the nonconforming building shall be equipped with fail safe valves, switches or other equivalent devices that allow the nonconforming building to be isolated from the conforming building.*

**Exception:** *Remodel projects that use available existing services/systems and utilities are exempted from the requirements of this section. The enforcing agency shall be permitted to exempt minor addition, minor alteration and minor remodel projects and projects to upgrade existing services/systems and utilities from the requirements of this section.*

**310A.1.1.1 Services/systems and utilities for hospital buildings.**

**310A.1.1.1.1 New hospital buildings, additions, alterations and remodels of conforming (SPC-3, -4, -4D or -5) hospital buildings.** *Services/systems and utilities for new hospital buildings and additions, alterations or remodels to existing conforming buildings shall originate in hospital buildings that are conforming or have approved performance categories of SPC-3 or higher, and NPC-4/NPC-4D or higher. The services/systems and utilities shall not pass through or under buildings that do not have approved performance categories of SPC-2 or higher and NPC-4/NPC-4D or higher.*

### **Exceptions:**

*Services/systems and utilities shall be permitted to pass through or under buildings that have approved nonstructural performance categories of NPC-3 or higher or NPC-2, provided that the building has an approved extension to the NPC-3 deadline. The services/systems and utilities feeding the new building addition, alteration or remodel shall conform to the new building provisions of this code and shall be deemed by OSHPD to be free of adverse seismic interactions that could be caused by potential failure of overhead or adjacent components.*

**310A.1.1.1.2 Additions, alterations and remodels of SPC-2 hospital buildings.** *Services/systems and utilities for additions, alterations or remodels of SPC-2 hospital buildings shall be permitted to originate in and pass through or under SPC-2 or higher buildings that have an approved nonstructural performance category of NPC-3 or higher.*

**Exception:** *Services/systems and utilities shall be permitted to pass through or under buildings that have approved nonstructural performance categories of NPC-2, provided that the building has an approved extension to the NPC-3 deadline. Services/systems and utilities feeding the addition, alteration or remodel shall conform to the nonstructural bracing requirements for new buildings.*

**310A.1.1.1.3 Alterations and remodels of SPC-1 hospital buildings.** *Services/systems and utilities for alterations or remodels of SPC-1 hospital buildings shall be permitted to originate in and pass through or under SPC-1 or higher buildings that have an approved nonstructural performance category of NPC-2 or higher.*

**310A.1.1.1.4 Buildings without SPC/NPC ratings.** *When services/systems and utilities for new buildings, additions, alterations or remodels pass through or under hospital buildings which would not otherwise require evaluation for an SPC rating, such buildings shall be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.3, Chapter 6, of the California Administrative Code, to determine the appropriate ratings, or shall be shown to meet the structural requirements of these regulations for new hospital buildings. The services/systems and*

utilities feeding the new building addition, alteration or remodel shall conform with new building provisions of this code and shall be deemed by OSHPD to be free of adverse seismic interactions that could be caused by potential failure of overhead or adjacent components.

**310A.1.1.1.5 Buildings removed from acute-care hospital service.** Services/systems and utilities for conforming acute care hospital buildings shall be permitted to pass through or under a building that has been removed from acute care hospital service until January 1, 2030, if the building removed from service meets the performance requirements of Section 310A.1.1.1.1. Services/systems and utilities for nonconforming nonacute care hospital buildings shall be permitted to pass through or under a building that has been removed from acute care hospital service only if the building removed from service meets the performance requirements of Section 310A.1.1.1.2.

**Exception:** Service/system and utilities for acute care hospital buildings may pass through or under the buildings that have been removed from acute care service and which do not meet the performance requirements of Section 310A.1.1.1.1 or Section 310A.1.1.1.2, provided all the following are met:

1. The building removed from acute care service remains under the jurisdiction of OSHPD.
2. The service/system and utilities only support acute care services in SPC-1 or SPC-2 buildings, and where no critical care areas occur.
3. The SPC-1 or SPC-2 buildings supported by the service/system and utilities meet the nonstructural requirements of NPC-2, as defined in the CAC, Part 1, Article 11, Table 11.1 and are served with essential power from a conforming building or source which does not pass through or under a building removed from acute care services.
4. The SPC-2 buildings supported by the service/system and utilities are removed from acute care service no later than January 1, 2026.

**310A.1.2 Jurisdiction.** Services/systems and utilities shall originate in and only pass through or under buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

## SECTION 311A COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES FOR MEANS OF EGRESS

**311A.1 General.** Means of egress through existing buildings shall be in accordance with the California Building Code, except as modified in this section.

**311A.1.1 Means of egress.** Means of egress shall comply with the requirements of Sections 311A.1.1.1 and 311A.1.1.2.

**Exception:** The enforcing agency shall be permitted to exempt minor additions, minor alterations and minor remodel projects from these requirements.

**311A.1.1.1 Means of egress for hospital buildings.** Means of egress for hospital buildings shall comply with the requirements of Sections 311A.1.1.1.1 through 311A.1.1.1.6.

**311A.1.1.1.1 New and existing conforming hospital buildings.** Means of egress for new hospital buildings and additions to existing conforming hospital buildings shall only pass through buildings that are conforming or comply with the requirements of SPC-3 or higher, and NPC-4/NPC-4D or higher.

**Exception:** Existing means of egress that pass through hospital buildings that have approved nonstructural performance categories NPC-3, or NPC-2 if the building has an approved extension to the NPC-3 deadline, shall be permitted to remain for the duration of extension. The nonstructural components in the path of egress shall be braced in accordance with the new building provisions of this code.

**311A.1.1.1.2 Existing SPC-2 hospital buildings.** Means of egress for additions to existing SPC-2 hospital buildings shall only pass through hospital buildings that have approved performance categories of SPC-2 or higher and NPC-4/NPC-4D or higher.

**Exception:** The means of egress shall be permitted to pass through hospital buildings that have approved nonstructural performance categories of NPC-3, or NPC-2 if the building has an approved extension to the NPC-3 deadline. Nonstructural components in the path of egress shall be braced in accordance with the new building provisions of this code.

**311A.1.1.1.3 Existing SPC-3 or higher hospital buildings.** Means of egress for remodels of existing SPC-3 or higher hospital buildings shall only pass through hospital buildings that have approved performance categories of SPC-2 or higher and NPC-4 /NPC-4D or higher.

**Exception:** The means of egress shall be permitted to pass through hospital buildings that have approved nonstructural performance categories of NPC-3, or NPC-2 if the building has an approved extension to the NPC-3 deadline. Nonstructural components in the path of egress shall be braced in accordance with the new building provisions of this code.

**311A.1.1.1.4 Existing SPC-1 hospital buildings.** Means of egress for remodels of existing SPC-1 hospital buildings shall only pass through hospital

buildings that have approved performance categories of SPC-1 or higher and NPC-2 or higher.

**Exception:** Means of egress for acute care service spaces for hospitals licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1250 of the Health and Safety Code shall comply with the requirements of Section 311A.1.1.1.2.

**311A.1.1.1.5 Other hospital buildings.** Hospital buildings that would not otherwise require evaluation for an SPC rating, which are used as a part of the means of egress for hospital buildings, shall be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.3, Chapter 6, of the California Administrative Code to determine the appropriate rating, or shall meet the structural requirements of these regulations for conforming hospital buildings. Means of egress shall be in accordance with the requirements of Sections 311A.1.1.1.1 through 311A.1.1.1.4.

**311A.1.1.1.6 Buildings removed from hospital service.** The means of egress for acute care hospitals shall be permitted to pass through buildings that are removed from hospital service only if the buildings remain under the jurisdiction of OSHPD, and only until January 1, 2030, subject to the following:

1. Egress for conforming hospital buildings shall be permitted to pass through buildings that have been removed from acute care hospital service that comply with the requirements of Section 311A.1.1.1.1 or 311A.1.1.1.3.
2. Egress for nonconforming hospital buildings shall be permitted to pass through buildings that have been removed from acute care hospital service that comply with the requirements of Section 311A.1.1.1.2 or 311A.1.1.1.4.

After January 1, 2030, the means of egress for acute care hospital buildings shall only pass through hospital buildings that have approved performance categories of SPC-3 or higher and NPC-5.

**311A.1.2 Jurisdiction.** Means of egress shall only pass through buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).

## SECTION 312A REMOVAL OF HOSPITAL SPC AND FREESTANDING BUILDINGS FROM GENERAL ACUTE CARE SERVICE

**312A.1 General.** The provisions of this section shall apply when hospital SPC or freestanding buildings are being removed from general acute care service, including when freestanding buildings are removed from OSHPD jurisdiction. Removal of these buildings shall satisfy the requirements of this section and the California Building Standards Code. OSHPD approval of construction documents and a building permit are required for removal.

**312A.1.1 Buildings without approved extensions.** An SPC-1 hospital building without an approved delay in compli-

ance requirements in accordance with the California Administrative Code (CAC) Chapter 6 Section 1.5.2 or past the extension date granted in accordance with the CAC Chapter 6 Section 1.5.2 shall not be issued a building permit until a project to remove the subject SPC-1 building from general acute care services has been approved, permitted and closed in compliance by the Office.

**Exception:** Building permits for seismic compliance, maintenance and repair shall be permitted to be issued.

**312A.2 Definitions.** The following words and terms are applicable to this section only:

**BUILDING.** The area included within surrounding exterior walls or any combination of exterior walls and fire walls (as described in California Building Code Sections 202 and 706) exclusive of vent shafts and courts. Areas of the building not provided with surrounding walls shall be included in the building area if such areas are included within the horizontal projection of the roof or floor above. A building may consist of one or more adjacent SPC buildings.

**GENERAL ACUTE CARE SERVICE.** Means basic and supplemental services, as defined in California Building Code Section 1224.3, provided in a general acute care building, as defined in California Building Code Section 202 and the California Administrative Code, Chapter 6, Section 1.2.

**STRUCTURAL SEPARATION.** Means a building separation in accordance with the California Building Code.

**312A.3 Establishing eligibility for removal from general acute care service.** In order to establish that one or more SPC buildings are eligible for removal from general acute care service, the hospital owner shall submit construction documents showing that after the SPC buildings are removed from general acute care service:

1. All basic acute care services or supplemental services on the hospital's license are provided in SPC buildings satisfying the requirements for SPC-2, SPC-3, SPC-4, SPC-4D or SPC-5.

**Exception:** If the hospital includes SPC-1 buildings that are not being removed from general acute care service, and these SPC-1 buildings have an approved extension to the SPC-2 deadline, basic acute care services or supplemental services on the hospital's license are permitted to remain in these SPC buildings for the duration of their extension or until these SPC-1 buildings are removed from general acute care service, whichever comes first.

2. All basic acute care services or supplemental services on the hospital's license are provided in SPC buildings satisfying the requirements for NPC-3, NPC-4/NPC-4D or NPC-5.

**Exception:** Services shall be permitted to be located in SPC buildings satisfying the requirements of NPC-2 if the SPC buildings have an approved extension to NPC-3 deadline.

3. The hospital complies with all egress requirements, including occupant load, number of required exits and travel distance to exits, and provides evidence that no egress from any acute care hospital building passes

through the SPC buildings removed from general acute care service, SPC-1 buildings, or through buildings not under OSHPD jurisdiction.

**Exceptions:**

1. If the SPC building has an approved extension to the SPC-2 deadline, existing egress through the SPC-1 building shall be permitted for the duration of the extension or until the SPC-1 building is removed from general acute care service, whichever comes first.
2. When permitted by Section 311A.1.1.1.6.
4. No SPC building removed from general acute care service is used as a smoke compartment for any acute care hospital building. Buildings not under OSHPD jurisdiction shall not be used as a smoke compartment for any acute care hospital building.
5. Structural separation shall satisfy the requirements of the California Building Standards Code and fire walls shall be constructed in accordance with the California Building Code, Section 706.  
  
**Exception:** A fire barrier constructed in accordance with the California Building Code, Section 707, and an SPC seismic separation in accordance with the California Administrative Code, Chapter 6, Section 3.4 shall be deemed to satisfy the building structural/seismic separation requirement in this section for SPC buildings that will remain under OSHPD jurisdiction.
6. If the SPC building removed from general acute care service shares a common fire alarm system with the acute care hospital, the main fire alarm control panel shall be located in an acute care hospital building. The SPC building removed from general acute care service shall be in a separate zone monitored by the main fire alarm control panel. Flexible connections shall be provided for conduits/conductors crossing structural or SPC seismic separation joints. If the intent is to place the SPC building under local jurisdiction, the building shall satisfy Section 312A.5.1.

**Exception:** Flexible connections for fire alarm conduits/conductors crossing seismic separation joints between an SPC building removed from general acute care service and adjacent SPC-1 or SPC-2 buildings may be omitted, provided the fire alarm in the adjacent SPC-1 and SPC-2 buildings have no connection to any SPC-3, SPC-4, SPC-4D and SPC-5 buildings providing general acute care service.

7. If the SPC building removed from general acute care service shares the fire sprinkler system with the acute care hospital, an isolation valve with a tamper switch shall be provided to isolate the portion of the system serving the SPC building removed from acute care service. Flexible connections shall be provided in piping that crosses structural or SPC seismic separation joints. The fire sprinkler system shall not originate in the SPC building removed from general acute care service. If the intent is to place the building under

local jurisdiction, the building shall satisfy Section 312A.5.1.

**Exception:** Flexible connections for seismic separation joints and fail safe shutoff valves, and disconnects for utilities between an SPC building removed from general acute care service and adjacent SPC-1 or SPC-2 buildings may be omitted, provided utilities in the adjacent SPC-1 and SPC-2 buildings have no connection to any SPC-3, SPC-4, SPC-4D and SPC-5 buildings providing general acute care service.

8. Patient access as required by California Building Code Section 1224.4.7.5 does not pass through an SPC building removed from general acute care service or through buildings that are not under the jurisdiction of OSHPD.
9. The primary accessible entrance to the hospital is not through an SPC building removed from general acute care service or through buildings that are not under the jurisdiction of OSHPD.
10. No utilities servicing acute care hospital buildings originate in or pass through, over or under, an SPC building removed from general acute care service, except as permitted by Section 310A.1.1.1.5, or a building not under OSHPD jurisdiction.
11. If utilities originating in an acute care hospital building feed an SPC building removed from general acute care hospital service, fail safe shutoff valves and/or disconnects shall be provided that permit isolation of the SPC building removed from general acute care service from the hospital utilities. Flexible connections shall be provided for all utilities crossing structural or SPC seismic separation joints.

**Exception:** Flexible connections for seismic separation joints and fail safe shutoff valves, and disconnects for utilities between an SPC building removed from general acute care service and adjacent SPC-1 or SPC-2 buildings may be omitted, provided utilities in the adjacent SPC-1 and SPC-2 buildings have no connection to any SPC-3, SPC-4, SPC-4D and SPC-5 buildings providing general acute care service.

**312A.4 Buildings remaining under OSHPD jurisdiction.** SPC and freestanding buildings removed from acute care service while remaining under the jurisdiction of OSHPD shall be subject to the provisions of Section 312.3.

**312A.5 Change in jurisdiction for buildings removed from general acute care service.** Except as provided by Section 312A.5.3, at the hospital's discretion, a building removed from general acute care service shall be permitted to be placed under the jurisdiction of the local enforcement agency. To be eligible for a change in jurisdiction, the building removed from general acute care service shall satisfy the requirements of Section 312A.5.1.

**312A.5.1 Eligibility for change in jurisdiction.** For a building removed from general acute care service to be eligible for a change in jurisdiction to the local enforcing agency, all the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- a. The building removed from general acute care service shall be freestanding, as defined in the California Administrative Code, Section 7-111.

as applicable, than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.

**Exceptions:**

1. An existing stairway shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Section 1011 of the *California Building Code* where the existing space and construction does not allow a reduction in pitch or slope.
2. Handrails otherwise required to comply with Section 1011.11 of the *California Building Code* shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Section 1014.6 of the *California Building Code* regarding full extension of the handrails where such extensions would be hazardous because of plan configuration.
3. Where provided in below-grade transportation stations, existing and new escalators shall be permitted to have a clear width of less than 32 inches (815 mm).
4. **[BSC]** For state-owned buildings, including those owned by the University of California and the California State University and the judicial council, the requirements of Section 503.4 are replaced by the requirements of Sections 317 through 322.

**[BS] 503.2 Flood hazard areas.** For buildings and structures in flood hazard areas established in Section 1612.3 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable, any alteration that constitutes substantial improvement of the existing structure shall comply with the flood design requirements for new construction, and all aspects of the existing structure shall be brought into compliance with the requirements for new construction for flood design.

For buildings and structures in flood hazard areas established in Section 1612.3 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable, any alterations that do not constitute substantial improvement of the existing structure are not required to comply with the flood design requirements for new construction.

**[BS] 503.3 Existing structural elements carrying gravity load.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an alteration causes an increase in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *California Building Code* for new structures. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element whose gravity load-carrying capacity is decreased as part of the alteration shall be shown to have the capacity to resist the applicable design dead, live and snow loads including snow drift effects required by the *California Building Code* for new structures.

**Exceptions:**

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the altered building complies with the conventional light-frame construction

methods of the *California Building Code* or the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.

2. Buildings in which the increased dead load is due entirely to the addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering **[DSA-SS, DSA-SS/CC]** Exception 2 is not permitted.

**[BS] 503.4 Existing structural elements carrying lateral load.** Except as permitted by Section 503.13, where the alteration increases design lateral loads, results in a prohibited structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7, or decreases the capacity of any existing lateral load-carrying structural element, the structure of the altered building or structure shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**Exceptions:**

1. Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is not more than 10 percent greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculation of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.
2. Buildings in which the increase in the demand-capacity ratio is due entirely to the addition of rooftop-supported mechanical equipment individually having an operating weight less than 400 pounds (181.4 kg) and where the total additional weight of all rooftop equipment placed after initial construction of the building is less than 10 percent of the roof dead load. For purposes of this exception, "roof" shall mean the roof level above a particular story.

**[BS] 503.5 Seismic Design Category F.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, and where the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category F, the structure of the altered building shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.6 Bracing for unreinforced masonry parapets on reroofing.** Where the intended alteration requires a permit for reroofing and involves removal of roofing materials from more than 25 percent of the roof area of a building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F that has parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry, the work shall include installation of parapet bracing to resist out-of-plane seismic forces, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.7 Anchorage for concrete and reinforced masonry walls.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F and the building's structural system includes concrete or reinforced masonry walls with a flexible roof diaphragm, the alteration work shall include installation of wall anchors at the roof line, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of existing wall anchorage. Use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.8 Anchorage for unreinforced masonry walls in major alterations.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F and the building's structural system includes unreinforced masonry bearing walls, the alteration work shall include installation of wall anchors at the floor and roof lines, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of existing wall anchorage. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.9 Bracing for unreinforced masonry parapets in major alterations.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, and where the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry shall have bracing installed as needed to resist out-of-plane seismic forces, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.10 Anchorage of unreinforced masonry partitions in major alterations.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, and where the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, unreinforced masonry partitions and nonstructural walls within the work area and adjacent to egress paths from the work area shall be anchored, removed or altered to resist out-of-plane seismic forces, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 503.11 Substantial structural alteration.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area and where work involves a substantial structural alteration, the lateral load-resisting system of the altered building shall satisfy the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**Exceptions:**

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes that are altered based on the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or in compliance with the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.
2. Where the intended alteration involves only the lowest story of a building, only the lateral load-resisting components in and below that story need comply with this section.

**[BS] 503.12 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions.** Where the intended alteration requires a permit for reroofing and involves removal of roofing materials from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm of a

building or section of a building located where the ultimate design wind speed is greater than 130 mph (58 m/s) in accordance with Figure 1609.3(1) of the *California Building Code*, roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in Section 1609 of the *California Building Code*, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their current condition are not capable of resisting 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in *California* with the loads specified in Section 1609 of the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Buildings that have been demonstrated to comply with the wind load provisions in ASCE 7-88 or later editions.

**[BS] 503.13 Voluntary lateral force-resisting system alterations.** Structural alterations that are intended exclusively to improve the lateral force-resisting system and are not required by other sections of this code shall not be required to meet the requirements of Section 1609 or 1613 of the *California Building Code*, provided that all of the following apply:

1. The capacity of existing structural systems to resist forces is not reduced.
2. New structural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by the *California Building Code* for new construction.
3. New or relocated nonstructural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by the *California Building Code* for new construction.
4. The alterations do not create a structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7 or make an existing structural irregularity more severe.

**503.14 Smoke compartments.** In Group I-2 occupancies where the alteration is on a story used for sleeping rooms for more than 30 care recipients, the story shall be divided into not less than two compartments by smoke barrier walls in accordance with Section 407.5 of the *California Building Code* as required for new construction.

**503.15 Refuge areas.** Where alterations affect the configuration of an area utilized as a refuge area, the capacity of the refuge area shall not be reduced below the required capacity of the refuge area for horizontal exits in accordance with Section 1026.4 of the *California Building Code*.

Where the horizontal exit also forms a smoke compartment, the capacity of the refuge area for Group I-2 and I-3 occupancies and Group B ambulatory care facilities shall not be reduced below that required in Sections 407.5.3, 408.6.2, 420.6.1 and 422.3.2 of the *California Building Code*, as applicable.

**503.16 Enhanced classroom acoustics.** In Group E occupancies, where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area, enhanced classroom acoustics shall be provided in all classrooms with a volume of 20,000 cubic feet (565 m<sup>3</sup>) or less. Enhanced classroom acoustics shall comply with the reverberation time in Section 808 of ICC A117.1.

shall be brought into compliance with the requirements for new construction for flood design.

For buildings and structures in flood hazard areas established in California Building Code Section 1612A.3, any additions that do not constitute substantial improvement of the existing structure, as defined in Chapter 2, are not required to comply with the flood design requirements for new construction.

**[BS] 502A.4 Existing structural elements carrying gravity load.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an addition and its related alterations cause an increase in design gravity load of more than 5 percent shall be strengthened, supplemented, replaced or otherwise altered as needed to carry the increased gravity load required by this code for new structures. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element whose gravity load-carrying capacity is decreased shall be considered an altered element subject to the requirements of Section 503A.3. Any existing element that will form part of the lateral load path for any part of the addition shall be considered an existing lateral load-carrying structural element subject to the requirements of Section 502A.5.

**502A.4.1 Design live load.** Where the addition does not result in increased design live load, existing gravity load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to be evaluated and designed for live loads approved prior to the addition. If the approved live load is less than that required by California Building Code Section 1607A, the area designed for the nonconforming live load shall be posted with placards of approved design indicating the approved live load. Where the addition does result in increased design live load, the live load required by California Building Code Section 1607A shall be used.

**[BS] 502A.5 Existing structural elements carrying lateral load.** Where the addition is structurally independent of the existing structure, existing lateral load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to remain unaltered. Where the addition is not structurally independent of the existing structure, the existing structure and its addition acting together as a single structure shall be shown to meet the requirements of Sections 1609A and 1613A of the California Building Code.

**Exceptions:** For incidental and minor additions:

1. Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the addition considered is no more than 10 percent greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the addition ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with Sections 1609A and 1613A of the California Building Code. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculation of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.

2. Drift limits based on original design code shall be permitted to be used in lieu of the drift limits required by ASCE 7.

## SECTION 503A ALTERATIONS

**503A.1 General.** Except as provided by this section, alterations to any building or structure shall comply with the requirements of the California Building Code for new construction. Alterations shall be such that the existing building or structure is no less conforming with the provisions of this code than the existing building or structure was prior to the alteration.

**Exceptions:**

1. An existing stairway shall not be required to comply with the requirements of California Building Code Section 1011 where the existing space and construction does not allow a reduction in pitch or slope.
2. Handrails otherwise required to comply with California Building Code Section 1011.11 shall not be required to comply with the requirements of California Building Code Section 1014.6 regarding full extension of the handrails where such extensions would be hazardous due to plan configuration.

**[BS] 503A.2 Flood hazard areas.** For buildings and structures in flood hazard areas established in Section 1612A.3 of the California Building Code, any alteration that constitutes substantial improvement of the existing structure, as defined in Chapter 2, shall comply with the flood design requirements for new construction, and all aspects of the existing structure shall be brought into compliance with the requirements for new construction for flood design.

For buildings and structures in flood hazard areas established in Section 1612A.3 of the California Building Code, any alterations that do not constitute substantial improvement of the existing structure, as defined in Chapter 2, are not required to comply with the flood design requirements for new construction.

**[BS] 503A.3 Existing structural elements carrying gravity load.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an alteration causes an increase in design gravity load of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or otherwise altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by this code for new structures. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element whose gravity load-carrying capacity is decreased as part of the alteration shall be shown to have the capacity to resist the applicable design gravity load required by this code for new structures.

**503A.3.1 Design live load.** Where the alteration does not result in increased design live load, existing gravity load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to be evaluated and designed for live loads approved prior to the alteration. If the approved live load is less than that required by California Building Code Section 1607A, the area designed for the nonconforming live load shall be posted with placards of approved design indicating the

*approved live load. Where the alteration does result in increased design live load, the live load required by California Building Code Section 1607A shall be used.*

**[BS] 503A.4 Existing structural elements carrying lateral load.** Except as permitted by Section 503A.13, where the alteration increases design lateral loads in accordance with California Building Code Section 1609A or 1613A, or where the alteration, results in a prohibited structural irregularity as defined in the California Building Code, or where the alteration decreases the capacity of any existing lateral load-carrying structural element, the structure of the altered building or structure shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609A and 1613A of the California Building Code.

**Exceptions:** For incidental and minor alterations:

1. Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is not more than 10 percent greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with Sections 1609A and 1613A of the California Building Code. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculation of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.
2. Drift limits based on original design code shall be permitted to be used in lieu of the drift limits required by ASCE 7.

**[BS] 503A.5 Seismic Design Category F.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.6 Bracing for unreinforced masonry parapets on reroofing.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.7 Anchorage for concrete and reinforced masonry walls.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.8 Anchorage for unreinforced masonry walls in major alterations.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.9 Bracing for unreinforced masonry parapets in major alterations.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.10 Anchorage of unreinforced masonry partitions in major alterations.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.11 Substantial structural alteration.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.12 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions.** Not permitted by OSHPD.

**[BS] 503A.13 Voluntary seismic improvements.** Alterations to existing structural elements or additions of new structural elements that are not otherwise required by this chapter and are initiated for the purpose of improving the performance of the seismic force-resisting system of an existing structure or the performance of seismic bracing or anchorage of existing

nonstructural elements shall be permitted, provided that an engineering analysis is submitted demonstrating the following:

1. The altered structure, and the altered structural and nonstructural elements are no less conforming with the provisions of this code with respect to earthquake design than they were prior to the alteration.
2. New structural elements are designed, detailed and connected to the existing structural elements as required by California Building Code Chapter 16A. Alterations of existing structural elements shall be based on design demand required by California Building Code Chapter 16A. Demands for new or altered existing structural elements need not exceed the maximum load effect that can be transferred to the elements by the system.
3. New, relocated or altered nonstructural elements are designed, detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by California Building Code Chapter 16A.
4. The alterations do not create a structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7 or make an existing structural irregularity more severe.

**503A.14 Smoke compartments.** Shall comply with California Building Standards Code.

**503A.15 Refuge areas.** Shall comply with California Building Standards Code.

**503A.16 Reserved.**

**503A.17 Reserved.**

**503A.18 Two-way communications systems.** Where the work area for alterations exceeds 50 percent of the building area and the building has elevator service, a two-way communication systems shall be provided where required by Section 1009.8 of the California Building Code.

## SECTION 504A RESERVED

## SECTION 505A RESERVED

## SECTION 506A CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

**506A.1 Conformance.** No change shall be made in the use or occupancy of any building, that would place the building in a different division of the same group of occupancy or in a different group of occupancies, unless such building is made to comply with the requirements of the California Building Code for the use or occupancy. Subject to the approval of the building official, the use or occupancy of existing buildings shall be permitted to be changed and the building is allowed to be occupied for purposes in other groups without conforming to all the requirements of the California Building Code for those groups, provided the

*new or proposed use is less hazardous, based on life and fire risk, than the existing use.*

**506A.1.1 Change in function.** *A change in function shall require compliance with all the functional requirements for new construction in the California Building Code, including requirements in California Building Code Section 1224.*

**Exception:** *Minimum room clearances, areas and dimensions may meet the requirements of the 2001 California Building Code for existing rooms re-used for a similar purpose, subject to the approval of OSHPD.*

**506A.2 Certificate of occupancy.** A certificate of occupancy shall be issued where it has been determined that the requirements for the new occupancy classification have been met.

**506A.3 Stairways.** *Existing stairways in an existing structure shall not be required to comply with the requirements of a new stairway as outlined in California Building Code Section 1009 where the existing space and construction will not allow a reduction in pitch or slope.*

**506A.4 Existing emergency escape and rescue openings.** Where a change of occupancy would require an emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with Section 1031.1 of the *California Building Code*, operable windows serving as the emergency escape and rescue opening shall comply with the following

1. An existing operable window shall provide a minimum net clear opening of 4 square feet (0.38 m<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum net clear opening height of 22 inches (559 mm) and a minimum net clear opening width of 20 inches (508 mm).
2. A replacement window where such window complies with both of the following:
  - 2.1. The replacement window meets the size requirements in Item 1.
  - 2.2. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.

**506A.5 Structural.** *When a change of occupancy results in a structure being reclassified to a higher risk category, the structure shall conform to the seismic requirements for a new structure in the California Building Code of the higher risk category.*

**Exception:** *Specific seismic detailing requirements of California Building Code Section 1613A for a new structure shall not be required to be met where it can be shown that the level of performance is equivalent to that of a new structure. A demonstration of equivalence shall consider the regularity, over strength, redundancy and ductility of the structure.*

## SECTION 507A HISTORIC BUILDINGS

**507A.1 Historic buildings.** The provisions of this code that require improvements relative to a building's existing condition or, in the case of repairs, that require improvements relative to a building's predamage condition, shall not be mandatory for historic buildings unless specifically required by this section.

**507A.2 Life safety hazards.** The provisions of this code shall apply to historic buildings judged by the code official to constitute a distinct life safety hazard.

**[BS] 507A.3 Flood hazard areas.** Within flood hazard areas established in accordance with Section 1612.3 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable, where the work proposed constitutes substantial improvement, the building shall be brought into compliance with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.

**Exception:** Historic buildings meeting any of the following criteria need not be brought into compliance:

1. Listed or preliminarily determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Determined by the Secretary of the US Department of Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined to qualify as an historic district.
3. Designated as historic under a state or local historic preservation program that is approved by the Department of Interior.

**[BS] 507A.4 Structural.** Historic buildings shall comply with the applicable structural provisions in this chapter.

### Exceptions:

1. The code official shall be authorized to accept existing floors and existing live loads and to approve operational controls that limit the live load on any floor.
2. Repair of substantial structural damage is not required to comply with Sections 405A.2.3, and 405A.2.4. Substantial structural damage shall be repaired in accordance with Section 405A.2.1.



## CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE

### CHAPTER 6 – CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

(Matrix Adoption Tables are nonregulatory, intended only as an aid to the code user.  
See Chapter 1 for state agency authority and building applications.)

Adopting Agency	BSC	BSC- CG	SFM	HCD			DSA			OSHPD						BSCC	DPH	AGR	DWR	CEC	CA	SL	SLC
				1	2	1/AC	AC	SS	SS/CC	1	1R	2	3	4	5								
Adopt Entire Chapter																							
Adopt Entire Chapter as amended (amended sections listed below)			X																				
Adopt only those sections that are listed below																							
Chapter / Section																							
601.1			X																				
601.1.1			X																				
607.1			X																				

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## CHAPTER 6

# CLASSIFICATION OF WORK

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 6 provides an overview of the Work Area Method available as an option for rehabilitation of a building. The chapter defines the different classifications of alterations and provides general requirements for alterations, change of occupancy, additions and historic buildings. Detailed requirements for all of these are given in Chapters 7 through 11.

### SECTION 601 GENERAL

**601.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall be used in conjunction with Chapters 7 through 11 and shall apply to the alteration, addition and change of occupancy of existing structures, including moved structures, as referenced in Section 301.3.2. The work performed on an existing building shall be classified in accordance with this chapter. *Historic buildings and structures shall comply with Part 8, Title 24, C.C.R.*

#### Exceptions:

1. **[SFM]** Use of Chapters 6–11 is not permitted in H, I and L, R-2.1, R-3.1 occupancies and high-rise buildings.
2. **[BSC]** Use of Chapters 6–11 is not permitted in occupancies, buildings and applications regulated by Building Standards Commission and listed in Section 1.2.

**601.1.1 Compliance with other alternatives.** Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 7 through 11 or with one of the alternatives provided in Section 301.3.

**601.2 Work area.** The work area, as defined in Chapter 2, shall be identified on the construction documents.

### SECTION 602 ALTERATION—LEVEL 1

**602.1 Scope.** Level 1 alterations include the removal and replacement or the covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials, elements, equipment or fixtures that serve the same purpose.

**602.2 Application.** Level 1 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7.

### SECTION 603 ALTERATION—LEVEL 2

**603.1 Scope.** Level 2 alterations include the addition or elimination of any door or window, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment, and shall apply where the work area is equal to or less than 50 percent of the building area.

**Exception:** The movement or addition of nonfixed and movable fixtures, cases, racks, counters and partitions not

over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height shall not be considered a Level 2 alteration.

**603.2 Application.** Level 2 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 7 for Level 1 alterations as well as the provisions of Chapter 8.

### SECTION 604 ALTERATION—LEVEL 3

**604.1 Scope.** Level 3 alterations apply where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the building area.

**604.2 Application.** Level 3 alterations shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 for Level 1 and 2 alterations, respectively, as well as the provisions of Chapter 9.

### SECTION 605 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

**605.1 Scope.** Change of occupancy provisions apply where the activity is classified as a change of occupancy as defined in Chapter 2.

**605.2 Application.** Changes of occupancy shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 10.

### SECTION 606 ADDITIONS

**606.1 Scope.** Provisions for additions shall apply where work is classified as an addition as defined in Chapter 2.

**606.2 Application.** Additions to existing buildings shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 11.

### SECTION 607 HISTORIC BUILDINGS

**607.1 Scope.** *The provisions of the California Historical Building Code (Part 8, Title 24, C.C.R) shall apply to qualified historical buildings or properties.*



# CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE

## CHAPTER 7 – ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 1

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Adopting Agency	BSC	BSC- CG	SFM	HCD			DSA			OSHPD						BSCC	DPH	AGR	DWR	CEC	CA	SL	SLC
				1	2	1/AC	AC	SS	SS/CC	1	1R	2	3	4	5								
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Adopt Entire Chapter as amended (amended sections listed below)			X																				
Adopt only those sections that are listed below																							
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702.7			X																				
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# CHAPTER 7

## ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 1

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 7 provides the technical requirements for those existing buildings that undergo Level 1 alterations as described in Section 603, which includes replacement or covering of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures using new materials for the same purpose. This chapter, similar to other chapters of this code, covers all building-related subjects, such as structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical and accessibility as well as the fire and life safety issues when the alterations are classified as Level 1. The purpose of this chapter is to provide detailed requirements and provisions to identify the required improvements in the existing building elements, building spaces and building structural system. This chapter is distinguished from Chapters 8 and 9 by involving only replacement of building components with new components. In contrast, Level 2 alterations involve more space reconfiguration, and Level 3 alterations involve more extensive space reconfiguration, exceeding 50 percent of the building area.

### SECTION 701 GENERAL

**701.1 Scope.** Level 1 alterations as described in Section 602 shall comply with the requirements of this chapter. *Alterations to historic buildings and structures* shall comply with Part 8, Title 24, C.C.R.

**701.2 Conformance.** An existing building or portion thereof shall not be altered such that the building becomes less safe than its existing condition.

**Exception:** Where the current level of safety or sanitation is proposed to be reduced, the portion altered shall conform to the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**[BS] 701.3 Flood hazard areas.** In flood hazard areas, alterations that constitute substantial improvement shall require that the building comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.

### SECTION 702 BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

**702.1 Interior finishes.** Newly installed interior wall and ceiling finishes shall comply with Chapter 8 of the *California Building Code*.

**702.2 Interior floor finish.** New interior floor finish, including new carpeting used as an interior floor finish material, shall comply with Section 804 of the *California Building Code*.

**702.3 Interior trim.** Newly installed interior trim materials shall comply with Section 806 of the *California Building Code*.

**702.4 Window opening control devices on replacement windows.** In Group R-2 or R-3 buildings containing dwelling units and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *California Residential Code*, window opening control devices complying with ASTM F2090 shall be installed where an existing window is replaced and where all of the following apply to the replacement window:

1. The window is operable.

2. One of the following applies:

- 2.1. The window replacement includes replacement of the sash and frame.
- 2.2. The window replacement includes the sash only where the existing frame remains.

3. One of the following applies:

- 3.1. In Group R-2 or R-3 buildings containing dwelling units, the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is at a height less than 36 inches (915 mm) above the finished floor.
- 3.2. In one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *California Residential Code*, the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is at a height less than 24 inches (610 mm) above the finished floor.

4. The window will permit openings that will allow passage of a 4-inch-diameter (102 mm) sphere when the window is in its largest opened position.
5. The vertical distance from the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening to the finished grade or other surface below, on the exterior of the building, is greater than 72 inches (1829 mm).

**Exception:** Operable windows where the bottom of the clear opening of the window opening is located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the finished grade or other surface below, on the exterior of the room, space or building, and that are provided with window fall prevention devices that comply with ASTM F2006.

**702.5 Replacement window for emergency escape and rescue openings.** Where windows are required to provide emergency escape and rescue openings in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the *California Residential Code*, replacement windows shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 1031.3 of the *California Building Code* and Section R310.2 of the *California Residential Code*, provided that the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement win-

dow shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.

2. Where the replacement window is part of a change of occupancy it shall comply with Section 1011.5.6.

**702.5.1 Control devices.** Window opening control devices or fall prevention devices complying with ASTM F2090 shall be permitted for use on windows required to provide emergency escape and rescue openings. After operation to release the control device allowing the window to fully open, the control device shall not reduce the net clear opening area of the window unit. Emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools.

**702.6 Bars, grilles, covers or screens.** Bars, grilles, covers, screens or similar devices are permitted to be placed over emergency escape and rescue openings, bulkhead enclosure or window wells that serve such openings, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. The minimum net clear opening size complies with the code that was in effect at the time of construction.
2. Such devices shall be releasable or removable from the inside without the use of a key, tool or force greater than that which is required for normal operation of the escape and rescue opening.
3. Where such devices are installed, they shall not reduce the net clear opening of the emergency escape and rescue openings.
4. Smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with Section 907.2.11 of the *California Building Code*.

**702.7 Materials and methods.** New work shall comply with the materials and methods requirements in the *California Building Code*, *California Energy Code*, *California Mechanical Code* and *California Plumbing Code*, as applicable, that specify material standards, detail of installation and connection, joints, penetrations and continuity of any element, component or system in the building.

## SECTION 703 FIRE PROTECTION

**703.1 General.** Alterations shall be done in a manner that maintains the level of fire protection provided.

### 703.2 Fire alarm and detection.

**703.2.1 Replacement devices, combinations of devices, appliances, and equipment shall be listed and approved.**

**703.2.2 Systems out of service.** Existing fire alarm and detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with Section 901.7 of the *California Fire Code*, C.C.R. Title 24, Part 9.

**703.3 Construction in existing buildings.** On-site fire protection during construction shall be in accordance with Chapter 33 of the *California Building Code*, C.C.R. Title 24, Part 2, and *California Fire Code*, C.C.R. Title 24, Part 9.

## SECTION 704 MEANS OF EGRESS

**704.1 General.** Alterations shall be done in a manner that maintains the level of protection provided for the means of egress.

**704.2 Casework.** Addition, alteration or reconfiguration of nonfixed and movable cases, counters and partitions not over 5 feet 9 inches (1753 mm) in height shall maintain the required means of egress path.

**704.3 Locking arrangements in educational occupancies.** In Group E occupancies, Group B educational occupancies and Group I-4 occupancies, egress doors with locking arrangements designed to keep intruders from entering the room shall comply with Section 1010.2.8 of the *California Building Code*.

## SECTION 705 REROOFING

**[BS] 705.1 General.** Materials and methods of application used for recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 15 of the *California Building Code*.

### Exceptions:

1. Roof replacement or roof recover of existing low-slope roof coverings shall not be required to meet the minimum design slope requirement of  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) in Section 1507 of the *California Building Code* for roofs that provide positive roof drainage.
2. Recovering or replacing an existing roof covering shall not be required to meet the requirement for secondary (emergency overflow) drains or scuppers in Section 1502 of the *California Building Code* for roofs that provide for positive roof drainage. For the purposes of this exception, existing secondary drainage or scupper systems required in accordance with this code shall not be removed unless they are replaced by secondary drains or scuppers designed and installed in accordance with Section 1502 of the *California Building Code*.

**[BS] 705.2 Roof replacement.** Roof replacement shall include the removal of all existing layers of roof coverings down to the roof deck.

**Exception:** Where the existing roof assembly includes an ice barrier membrane that is adhered to the roof deck, the existing ice barrier membrane shall be permitted to remain in place and covered with an additional layer of ice barrier membrane in accordance with Section 1507 of the *California Building Code*.

**[BS] 705.2.1 Roof recover.** The installation of a new roof covering over an existing roof covering shall be permitted where any of the following conditions occur:

1. The new roof covering is installed in accordance with the roof covering manufacturer's approved instructions.

2. Complete and separate roofing systems, such as standing-seam metal roof panel systems, that are designed to transmit the roof loads directly to the building's structural system and that do not rely on existing roofs and roof coverings for support, shall not require the removal of existing roof coverings.
3. Metal panel, metal shingle and concrete and clay tile roof coverings shall be permitted to be installed over existing wood shake roofs when applied in accordance with Section 705.3.
4. The application of a new protective roof coating over an existing protective roof coating, a metal roof panel, built-up roof, spray polyurethane foam roofing system, metal roof shingles, mineral-surfaced roll roofing, modified bitumen roofing or thermoset and thermoplastic single-ply roofing shall be permitted without tear off of existing roof coverings.

**[BS] 705.2.1.1 Exceptions.** A roof recover shall not be permitted where any of the following conditions occur:

1. Where the existing roof or roof covering is water soaked or has deteriorated to the point that the existing roof or roof covering is not adequate as a base for additional roofing.
2. Where the existing roof covering is slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile.
3. Where the existing roof has two or more applications of any type of roof covering.

**[BS] 705.3 Roof recovering.** Where the application of a new roof covering over wood shingle or shake roofs creates a combustible concealed space, the entire existing surface shall be covered with gypsum board, mineral fiber, glass fiber or other approved materials securely fastened in place.

**[BS] 705.4 Reinstallation of materials.** Existing slate, clay or cement tile shall be permitted for reinstallation, except that damaged, cracked or broken slate or tile shall not be reinstalled. Existing vent flashing, metal edgings, drain outlets, collars and metal counterflashings shall not be reinstalled where rusted, damaged or deteriorated. Existing ballast that is damaged, cracked or broken shall not be reinstalled. Existing aggregate surfacing materials from built-up roofs shall not be reinstalled.

**[BS] 705.5 Flashings.** Flashings shall be reconstructed in accordance with approved manufacturer's installation instructions. Metal flashing to which bituminous materials are to be adhered shall be primed prior to installation.

## SECTION 706 STRUCTURAL

**[BS] 706.1 General.** Where alteration work includes replacement of equipment that is supported by the building or where a reroofing permit is required, the provisions of this section shall apply.

**[BS] 706.2 Addition or replacement of roofing or replacement of equipment.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an alteration causes an increase

in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *California Building Code* for new structures.

### Exceptions:

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the altered building complies with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.
2. Buildings in which the increased dead load is due entirely to the addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering.

**[BS] 706.3 Additional requirements for reroof permits.** The requirements of this section shall apply to alteration work requiring reroof permits.

**[BS] 706.3.1 Bracing for unreinforced masonry bearing wall parapets.** Where a permit is issued for reroofing for more than 25 percent of the roof area of a building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F that has parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry, the work shall include installation of parapet bracing unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 706.3.2 Roof diaphragms resisting wind loads in high-wind regions.** Where roofing materials are removed from more than 50 percent of the roof diaphragm or section of a building located where the ultimate design wind speed,  $V_{ult}$ , determined in accordance with Figure 1609.3(1) of the *California Building Code*, is greater than 130 mph (58 m/s), roof diaphragms, connections of the roof diaphragm to roof framing members, and roof-to-wall connections shall be evaluated for the wind loads specified in the *California Building Code*, including wind uplift. If the diaphragms and connections in their current condition are not capable of resisting 75 percent of those wind loads, they shall be replaced or strengthened in accordance with the loads specified in the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Buildings that have been demonstrated to comply with the wind load provisions in ASCE 7-88 or later editions.

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# CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE

## CHAPTER 8 – ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 2

(Matrix Adoption Tables are nonregulatory, intended only as an aid to the code user.

See Chapter 1 for state agency authority and building applications.)

Adopting Agency	BSC	BSC-CG	SFM	HCD			DSA			OSHPD					BSCC	DPH	AGR	DWR	CEC	CA	SL	SLC
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The state agency does not adopt sections identified with the following symbol: †

The Office of the State Fire Marshal's adoption of this chapter or individual sections is applicable to structures regulated by other state agencies pursuant to Section 1.11.



## CHAPTER 8

# ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 2

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### User note:

**About this chapter:** Like Chapter 7, the purpose of this chapter is to provide detailed requirements and provisions to identify the required improvements in the existing building elements, building spaces and building structural system when a building is being altered. This chapter is distinguished from Chapters 7 and 9 by involving space reconfiguration that could be up to and including 50 percent of the area of the building. In contrast, Level 1 alterations (Chapter 7) do not involve space reconfiguration, and Level 3 alterations (Chapter 9) involve extensive space reconfiguration that exceeds 50 percent of the building area. Depending on the nature of alteration work, its location within the building, and whether it encompasses one or more tenants, improvements and upgrades could be required for the open floor penetrations, sprinkler system or the installation of additional means of egress such as stairs or fire escapes.

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### SECTION 801 GENERAL

**801.1 Scope.** Level 2 alterations as described in Section 603 shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.

**Exception:** Buildings in which the reconfiguration is exclusively the result of compliance with the accessibility requirements of Section 306.7.1 shall be permitted to comply with Chapter 7.

**801.2 Alteration Level 1 compliance.** In addition to the requirements of this chapter, all work shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 7.

**801.3 System installations.** Requirements related to work area are not applicable where the Level 2 alterations are limited solely to one or more of the following:

1. Mechanical systems, electrical systems, fire protection systems and abatement of hazardous materials.
2. Windows, hardware, operating controls, electrical outlets and signs.
3. Alterations undertaken for the primary purpose of increasing the accessibility of a facility.

**801.4 Compliance.** New construction elements, components, systems and spaces shall comply with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where windows are added they are not required to comply with the light and ventilation requirements of the *California Building Code*.
2. Newly installed electrical equipment shall comply with the requirements of Section 806.
3. The length of dead-end corridors in newly constructed spaces shall only be required to comply with the provisions of Section 804.7.
4. The minimum ceiling height of the newly created habitable and occupiable spaces and corridors shall be 7 feet (2134 mm).
5. Where provided in below-grade transportation stations, existing and new escalators shall be permitted to have a clear width of less than 32 inches (815 mm).

6. New structural members and connections shall be permitted to comply with alternative design criteria in accordance with Section 302.

### SECTION 802 BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

**802.1 Scope.** The requirements of this section are limited to work areas in which Level 2 alterations are being performed and shall apply beyond the work area where specified.

**802.2 Vertical openings.** Existing vertical openings shall comply with the provisions of Sections 802.2.1, 802.2.2 and 802.2.3.

**802.2.1 Existing vertical openings.** Existing interior vertical openings connecting two or more floors shall be enclosed with approved assemblies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than 1 hour with approved opening protectives.

#### Exceptions:

1. Where vertical opening enclosure is not required by the *California Building Code* or the *California Fire Code*.
2. Interior vertical openings other than stairways may be blocked at the floor and ceiling of the *work area* by installation of not less than 2 inches (51 mm) of solid wood or equivalent construction.
3. The enclosure shall not be required where:
  - 3.1. Connecting the main floor and mezzanines; or
  - 3.2. All of the following conditions are met:
    - 3.2.1. The communicating area has a low-hazard occupancy or has a moderate-hazard occupancy that is protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system.
    - 3.2.2. The lowest or next-to-the-lowest level is a street floor.
    - 3.2.3. The entire area is open and unobstructed in a manner such that it is reasonable to assume that a fire in any part of the

interconnected spaces will be readily obvious to all of the occupants.

3.2.4. Exit capacity is sufficient to provide egress simultaneously for all occupants of all levels by considering all areas to be a single floor area for the determination of required exit capacity.

3.2.5. Each floor level, considered separately, has not less than one-half of its individual required exit capacity provided by an exit or exits leading directly out of that level without having to traverse another communicating floor level or be exposed to the smoke or fire spreading from another communicating floor level.

4. *Reserved.*

5. In Group B occupancies, a minimum 30-minute enclosure shall be provided to protect all vertical openings not exceeding three stories. This enclosure, or the enclosure specified in Section 802.2.1, shall not be required in the following locations:

5.1. Buildings not exceeding 3,000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>) per floor.

5.2. Buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.

6. In Group E occupancies, the enclosure shall not be required for vertical openings not exceeding *two* stories where the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic fire sprinkler system.

7. In Group F occupancies, the enclosure shall not be required in the following locations:

7.1. Vertical openings not exceeding *two* stories.

7.2. Special-purpose occupancies where necessary for manufacturing operations and direct access is provided to not fewer than one protected stairway.

7.3. Buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.

8. *Reserved.*

9. In Group M occupancies, a minimum 30-minute enclosure shall be provided to protect all vertical openings not exceeding three stories. This enclosure, or the enclosure specified in Section 802.2.1, shall not be required in the following locations:

9.1. Openings connecting only two floor levels.

9.2. Occupancies protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.

10. *Reserved.*

11. *Reserved.*

12. One- and two-family dwellings.

13. Group S occupancies where connecting not more than two floor levels or where connecting not more than three floor levels and the structure is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

14. Group S occupancies where vertical opening protection is not required for open parking garages and ramps.

**802.2.2 Supplemental shaft and floor opening enclosure requirements.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of that floor area, the enclosure requirements of Section 802.2 shall apply to vertical openings other than stairways throughout the floor.

**Exception:** Vertical openings located in tenant spaces that are entirely outside the work area.

**802.2.3 Supplemental stairway enclosure requirements.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of that floor area, stairways that are part of the means of egress serving the work area shall, at a minimum, be enclosed with smoketight construction on the highest work area floor and all floors below.

**Exception:** Where stairway enclosure is not required by the *California Building Code* or the *California Fire Code*.

**802.3 Smoke compartments.** In Group I-2 occupancies where the work area is on a story used for sleeping rooms for more than 30 care recipients, the story shall be divided into not less than two compartments by smoke barrier walls in accordance with Section 407.5 of the *California Building Code* as required for new construction.

**802.4 Interior finish.** The interior finish and trim of walls and ceilings in exits and corridors in any work area shall comply with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Existing materials that do not comply with the requirements of the *California Building Code* shall be permitted to be treated with an approved fire-retardant coating in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to achieve the required classification. Compliance with this section shall be demonstrated by testing the fire-retardant coating on the same material and achieving the required performance. Where the same material is not available, testing on a similar material shall be permitted.

**802.4.1 Supplemental interior finish requirements.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, Section 802.4 shall apply to the interior finish and trim in exits and corridors serving the work area throughout the floor.

**Exception:** Interior finish within tenant spaces that are entirely outside the work area.

**802.5 Guards.** The requirements of Sections 802.5.1 and 802.5.2 shall apply in all work areas.

**802.5.1 Minimum requirement.** Every portion of a floor, such as a balcony or a loading dock, that is more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below and is not provided with guards, or those in which the existing guards are judged to be in danger of collapsing, shall be provided with guards.

**802.5.2 Design.** Where there are no guards or where existing guards must be replaced, the guards shall be designed and installed in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

**802.6 Fire-resistance ratings.** Where approved by the code official, buildings where an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 of the *California Building Code* has been added, and the building is now sprinklered throughout, the required fire-resistance ratings of building elements and materials shall be permitted to meet the requirements of the current building code. The building is required to meet the other applicable requirements of the *California Building Code*.

Plans, investigation and evaluation reports, and other data shall be submitted indicating which building elements and materials the applicant is requesting the code official to review and approve for determination of applying the current building code fire-resistance ratings. Any special construction features, including fire-resistance-rated assemblies and smoke-resistive assemblies, conditions of occupancy, means-of-egress conditions, fire code deficiencies, approved modifications or approved alternative materials, design and methods of construction, and equipment applying to the building that impact required fire-resistance ratings shall be identified in the evaluation reports submitted.

## SECTION 803 FIRE PROTECTION

**803.1 Scope.** The requirements of this section shall be limited to work areas in which Level 2 alterations are being performed, and where specified they shall apply throughout the floor on which the work areas are located or otherwise beyond the work area.

**803.1.1 Corridor ratings.** Where an approved automatic sprinkler system is installed throughout the story, the required fire-resistance rating for any corridor located on the story shall be permitted to be reduced in accordance with the *California Building Code*. In order to be considered for a corridor rating reduction, such system shall provide coverage for the stairway landings serving the floor and the intermediate landings immediately below.

**803.2 Automatic sprinkler systems.** Automatic sprinkler systems shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of *Section 903 of the California Building and California Fire Codes*.

**803.3 Reserved.**

**803.4 Fire alarm and detection.** An approved fire alarm system shall be installed in accordance with *California Fire Code Sections 907 and 1103.7*.

**803.4.1 Systems out of service.** Existing fire alarm and detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with *Section 901.7 of the California Fire Code*. Site fire protection during construction shall be in accordance with *Chapter 33 of the California Building and California Fire Codes*.

## SECTION 804 MEANS OF EGRESS

**804.1 Scope.** The requirements of this section shall be limited to work areas that include exits or corridors shared by more than one tenant within the work area in which Level 2 alterations are being performed, and where specified they shall apply throughout the floor on which the work areas are located or otherwise beyond the work area.

**804.2 General.** The means of egress shall comply with the requirements of this section.

### Exceptions:

1. Where the work area and the means of egress serving it complies with NFPA 101.
2. Means of egress complying with the requirements of the building code under which the building was constructed shall be considered to be compliant means of egress if, in the opinion of the code official, they do not constitute a distinct hazard to life.

**804.3 Reserved.**

**804.4 Number of exits.** The number of exits shall be in accordance with Sections 804.4.1 through 804.4.3.

**804.4.1 Minimum number.** Every story utilized for human occupancy on which there is a work area that includes exits or corridors shared by more than one tenant within the work area shall be provided with the minimum number of exits based on the occupancy and the occupant load in accordance with the *California Building Code*. In addition, the exits shall comply with Sections 804.4.1.1 and 804.4.1.2.

**804.4.1.1 Single-exit buildings.** A single exit or access to a single exit shall be permitted from spaces, any story or any occupied roof where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The occupant load, number of dwelling units and exit access travel distance do not exceed the values in Table 804.4.1.1(1) or Table 804.4.1.1(2).
2. In Group R-1 or R-2, buildings without an approved automatic sprinkler system, individual single-story or multiple-story dwelling or sleeping units shall be permitted to have a single exit or access to a single exit from the dwelling or sleeping unit provided one of the following criteria are met:
  - 2.1. The occupant load is not greater than 10 and the exit access travel distance within the unit does not exceed 75 feet (22 860 mm).

- 2.2. The building is not more than three stories in height; all third-story space is part of dwelling with an exit access doorway on the second story; and the portion of the exit access travel distance from the door to any habitable room within any such unit to the unit entrance doors does not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm).
3. In buildings of Group R-2 occupancy of any number of stories with not more than four dwelling units per floor served by an interior exit stairway; with a smokeproof enclosure in accordance with Sections 909.20 and 1023.12 of the *California Building Code* or an exterior stairway as an exit; and where the portion of the exit access travel distance from the dwelling unit entrance door to the exit is not greater than 20 feet (6096 mm).

**TABLE 804.4.1.1(1)**  
**STORIES WITH ONE EXIT OR ACCESS TO**  
**ONE EXIT FOR R-2 OCCUPANCIES**

STORY	OCCUPANCY	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS	MAXIMUM EXIT ACCESS TRAVEL DISTANCE (feet)
Basement, first or second story above grade plane	R-2 <sup>a</sup>	4 dwelling units	50
Third story above grade plane and higher	NP	NA	NA

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

NP = Not Permitted.

NA = Not Applicable.

- a. Group R-2, without an approved automatic sprinkler system and provided with emergency escape and rescue openings in accordance with Section 1031 of the *California Building Code*.

**TABLE 804.4.1.1(2)**  
**STORIES WITH ONE EXIT OR ACCESS TO**  
**ONE EXIT FOR OTHER OCCUPANCIES**

STORY	OCCUPANCY	MAXIMUM OCCUPANT LOAD PER STORY	MAXIMUM EXIT ACCESS TRAVEL DISTANCE (feet)
First story above or below grade plane	B, F-2, S-2 <sup>a</sup>	35	75
Second story above grade plane	B, F-2, S-2 <sup>a</sup>	35	75
Third story above grade plane and higher	NP	NA	NA

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

NP = Not Permitted.

NA = Not Applicable.

- a. The length of exit access travel distance in a Group S-2 open parking garage shall be not more than 100 feet.

**804.4.1.2 Fire escapes required.** Where more than one exit is required, an existing fire escape complying with Section 804.4.1.2.1 shall be accepted as providing one of the required means of egress.

**804.4.1.2.1 Fire escape access and details.** Fire escapes shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- Occupants shall have unobstructed access to the fire escape without having to pass through a room subject to locking.
- Access to a fire escape shall be through a door, except that windows shall be permitted to provide access from single dwelling units or sleeping units in Group R-1 and R-2 occupancies or to provide access from spaces having a maximum occupant load of 10 in other occupancy classifications.
  - The window shall have a minimum net clear opening of 5.7 square feet (0.53 m<sup>2</sup>) or 5 square feet (0.46 m<sup>2</sup>) where located at grade.
  - The minimum net clear opening height shall be 24 inches (610 mm) and net clear opening width shall be 20 inches (508 mm).
  - The bottom of the clear opening shall not be greater than 44 inches (1118 mm) above the floor.
  - The operation of the window shall comply with the operational constraints of the *California Building Code*.
- Newly constructed fire escapes shall be permitted only where exterior stairways cannot be utilized because of lot lines.
- Openings within 10 feet (3048 mm) of fire escape stairways shall be protected by fire assemblies having minimum <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-hour fire-resistance ratings.

**Exception:** Opening protection shall not be required in buildings equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

- In all buildings of Group E occupancy, up to and including the 12th grade, buildings of Group I occupancy, rooming houses and childcare centers, ladders of any type are prohibited on fire escapes used as a required means of egress.

**804.4.1.2.2 Construction.** The fire escape shall be designed to support a live load of 100 pounds per square foot (4788 Pa) and shall be constructed of steel or other approved noncombustible materials. Fire escapes constructed of wood not less than nominal 2 inches (51 mm) thick are permitted on buildings of Type V construction. Walkways and railings located over or supported by combustible roofs in buildings of Types III and IV construction are permitted to be of wood not less than nominal 2 inches (51 mm) thick.

**804.4.1.2.3 Dimensions.** Stairways shall be not less than 22 inches (559 mm) wide with risers not more than, and treads not less than, 8 inches (203 mm). Landings at the foot of stairways shall be not less than 40 inches (1016 mm) wide by 36 inches (914 mm) long and located not more than 8 inches (203 mm) below the door.

**804.4.2 Mezzanines.** Mezzanines in the work area and with an occupant load of more than 50 or in which the travel distance to an exit exceeds 75 feet (22 860 mm) shall have access to not fewer than two independent means of egress.

**Exception:** Two independent means of egress are not required where the travel distance to an exit does not exceed 100 feet (30 480 mm) and the building is protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system.

**804.4.3 Main entrance—Group A.** Buildings of Group A with an occupant load of 300 or more shall be provided with a main entrance capable of serving as the main exit with an egress capacity of not less than one-half of the total occupant load. The remaining exits shall be capable of providing one-half of the total required exit capacity.

**Exception:** Where a main exit is not well defined or where multiple main exits are provided, exits shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building provided that the total width of egress is not less than 100 percent of the required width.

**804.5 Egress doorways.** Egress doorways in any work area shall comply with Sections 804.5.1 through 804.5.5.

**804.5.1 Two egress doorways required.** Work areas shall be provided with two egress doorways in accordance with the requirements of Sections 804.5.1.1 and 804.5.1.2.

**804.5.1.1 Occupant load and travel distance.** In any work area, all rooms and spaces having an occupant load greater than 50 or in which the travel distance to an exit exceeds 75 feet (22 860 mm) shall have not fewer than two egress doorways.

**Exceptions:**

1. Storage rooms having a maximum occupant load of 10.
2. Where the work area is served by a single exit in accordance with Section 804.4.1.1.

**804.5.2 Door swing.** In the work area and in the egress path from any work area to the exit discharge, all egress doors serving an occupant load greater than 50 shall swing in the direction of exit travel.

**804.5.2.1 Supplemental requirements for door swing.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, door swing shall comply with Section 804.5.2 throughout the floor.

**Exception:** Means of egress within or serving only a tenant space that is entirely outside the work area.

**804.5.3 Door closing.** In any work area, all doors opening onto an exit passageway at grade or an exit stairway shall

be self-closing or automatic-closing by listed closing devices.

**Exception:** Where exit enclosure is not required by the *California Building Code*.

**804.5.3.1 Supplemental requirements for door closing.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, doors shall comply with Section 804.5.3 throughout the exit stairway from the work area to, and including, the level of exit discharge.

**804.5.4 Panic and fire exit hardware.** In any work area, and in the egress path from any work area to the exit discharge, in buildings or portions thereof of Group A assembly occupancies with an occupant load greater than 100, all required exit doors equipped with latching devices shall be equipped with approved panic or fire exit hardware in accordance with Section 1010.2.9 of the *California Building Code*.

**804.5.4.1 Supplemental requirements for panic hardware.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, panic hardware shall comply with Section 804.5.4 throughout the floor.

**804.6 Openings in corridor walls.** Openings in corridor walls in any work area shall comply with Sections 804.6.1 through 804.6.4.

**Exception:** Openings in corridors where such corridors are not required to be rated in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

**804.6.1 Corridor doors.** Corridor doors in the *work area* shall not be constructed of hollow core wood and shall not contain louvers. Dwelling unit or sleeping unit corridor doors in work areas in buildings of Groups R-1 and R-2 shall be not less than 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-inch (35 mm) solid core wood or approved equivalent and shall not have any glass panels, other than approved wired glass or other approved glazing material in metal frames. Dwelling unit or sleeping unit corridor doors in work areas in buildings of Groups R-1 and R-2 shall be equipped with approved door closers. Replacement doors shall be 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch (44 mm) solid bonded wood core or approved equivalent.

**Exceptions:**

1. Corridor doors within a dwelling unit or sleeping unit.
2. *Reserved.*
3. Existing doors in buildings protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system shall be required only to resist smoke, be reasonably tight fitting and shall not contain louvers.
4. In group homes with not more than 15 occupants and that are protected with an approved automatic detection system, closing devices are not required.
5. Door assemblies having a fire protection rating of not less than 20 minutes.

**804.6.2 Transoms.** All transoms in corridor walls in work areas shall have a fire protection rating as required for the

door and be permanently secured in the closed position or sealed with materials consistent with the corridor construction.

**804.6.3 Other corridor openings.** In any work area, unless protected in accordance with Section 716 of the *California Building Code*, any other sash, grille or opening in a corridor, and any window in a corridor not opening to the outside air, shall be sealed with materials consistent with the corridor construction.

**804.6.3.1 Supplemental requirements for other corridor opening.** Where the work area exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, Section 804.6.3 shall be applicable to all corridor windows, grills, sashes and other openings on the floor.

**Exception:** Means of egress within or serving only a tenant space that is entirely outside the work area.

**804.6.4 Supplemental requirements for corridor openings.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of the floor area, the requirements of Sections 804.6.1 through 804.6.3 shall apply throughout the floor.

**804.7 Dead-end corridors.** Dead-end corridors in any work area shall not exceed 35 feet (10 670 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. Where dead-end corridors of greater length are permitted by the *California Building Code*.
2. In other than Group A occupancies, the maximum length of an existing dead-end corridor shall be 50 feet (15 240 mm) in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic fire alarm system installed in accordance with the *California Building Code*.
3. In other than Group A occupancies, the maximum length of an existing dead-end corridor shall be 70 feet (21 356 mm) in buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with the *California Building Code*.
4. In other than Group A occupancies, the maximum length of an existing, newly constructed, or extended dead-end corridor shall not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm) on floors equipped with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

**804.8 Means-of-egress lighting.** Means-of-egress lighting shall be in accordance with this section, as applicable.

**804.8.1 Artificial lighting required.** Means of egress in all work areas shall be provided with artificial lighting in accordance with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**804.8.2 Supplemental requirements for means-of-egress lighting.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of that floor area, means of egress throughout the floor shall comply with Section 804.8.1.

**Exception:** Means of egress within or serving only a tenant space that is entirely outside the work area.

**804.9 Exit signs.** Exit signs shall be in accordance with this section, as applicable.

**804.9.1 Work areas.** Means of egress in all work areas shall be provided with exit signs in accordance with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**804.9.2 Supplemental requirements for exit signs.** Where the work area on any floor exceeds 50 percent of that floor area, means of egress throughout the floor shall comply with Section 804.9.1.

**Exception:** Means of egress within a tenant space that is entirely outside the work area.

**804.10 Handrails.** The requirements of Section 804.10.1 shall apply to handrails from the work area floor to, and including, the level of exit discharge.

**804.10.1 Design.** Handrails shall be designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of the *California Building Code*.

**804.11 Refuge areas.** Where alterations affect the configuration of an area utilized as a refuge area, the capacity of the refuge area shall not be reduced below the required capacity of the refuge area for horizontal exits in accordance with Section 1026.4 of the *California Building Code*. Where the horizontal exit also forms a smoke compartment, the capacity of the refuge area for Group B ambulatory care facilities shall not be reduced below that required in Sections 407.5.3, 408.6.2, 420.6.1 and 422.3.2 of the *California Building Code*, as applicable.

**804.12 Guards.** The requirements of Sections 804.12.1 and 804.12.2 shall apply to guards from the work area floor to, and including, the level of exit discharge but shall be confined to the egress path of any work area.

**804.12.1 Minimum requirement.** Every open portion of a stairway, landing, or balcony that is more than 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor or grade below and is not provided with guards, or those portions in which existing guards are judged to be in danger of collapsing, shall be provided with guards.

**804.12.2 Design.** Guards required in accordance with Section 804.12.1 shall be designed and installed in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

## SECTION 805 STRUCTURAL

**[BS] 805.1 General.** Structural elements and systems within buildings undergoing Level 2 alterations shall comply with this section.

**[BS] 805.2 Existing structural elements carrying gravity loads.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an alteration causes an increase in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *California Building Code* for new structures. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element whose gravity load-carrying capacity is decreased as

part of the alteration shall be shown to have the capacity to resist the applicable design dead, live and snow loads, including snow drift effects, required by the *California Building Code* for new structures.

**Exceptions:**

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the altered building complies with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.
2. Buildings in which the increased dead load is attributable to the addition of a second layer of roof covering weighing 3 pounds per square foot (0.1437 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) or less over an existing single layer of roof covering.

**[BS] 805.3 Existing structural elements resisting lateral loads.** Except as permitted by Section 805.4, where the alteration increases design lateral loads, or where the alteration results in prohibited structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7, or where the alteration decreases the capacity of any existing lateral load-carrying structural element, the structure of the altered building or structure shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**Exception:** Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the alteration considered is not more than 10 percent greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the alteration ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculation of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.

**[BS] 805.4 Voluntary lateral force-resisting system alterations.** Structural alterations that are intended exclusively to improve the lateral force-resisting system and are not required by other sections of this code shall not be required to meet the requirements of Section 1609 or Section 1613 of the *California Building Code*, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. The capacity of existing structural systems to resist forces is not reduced.
2. New structural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by the *California Building Code* for new construction.
3. New or relocated nonstructural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by the *California Building Code* for new construction.
4. The alterations do not create a structural irregularity as defined in ASCE 7 or make an existing structural irregularity more severe.

## SECTION 806 ELECTRICAL

**806.1 New installations.** Newly installed electrical equipment and wiring relating to work done in any work area shall comply with all applicable requirements of the *California Electrical Code* except as provided for in Section 806.4.

**806.2 Existing installations.** Existing wiring in all work areas in Group A-1, A-2 and A-5 occupancies shall be upgraded to meet the materials and methods requirements of Chapter 7.

**806.3 Reserved.**

**806.4 Residential occupancies.** In Group R-2, R-3 and R-4 occupancies and buildings regulated by the *California Residential Code*, the requirements of Sections 806.4.1 through 806.4.7 shall be applicable only to work areas located within a dwelling unit.

**806.4.1 Enclosed areas.** Enclosed areas, other than closets, kitchens, basements, garages, hallways, laundry areas, utility areas, storage areas and bathrooms shall have not fewer than two duplex receptacle outlets or one duplex receptacle outlet and one ceiling or wall-type lighting outlet.

**806.4.2 Kitchens.** Kitchen areas shall have not fewer than two duplex receptacle outlets.

**806.4.3 Laundry areas.** Laundry areas shall have not fewer than one duplex receptacle outlet located near the laundry equipment and installed on an independent circuit.

**806.4.4 Ground fault circuit interruption.** Newly installed receptacle outlets shall be provided with ground fault circuit interruption as required by the *California Electrical Code*.

**806.4.5 Minimum lighting outlets.** Not fewer than one lighting outlet shall be provided in every bathroom, hallway, stairway, attached garage and detached garage with electric power, and to illuminate outdoor entrances and exits.

**806.4.6 Utility rooms and basements.** Not fewer than one lighting outlet shall be provided in utility rooms and basements where such spaces are used for storage or contain equipment requiring service.

**806.4.7 Clearance for equipment.** Clearance for electrical service equipment shall be provided in accordance with the *California Electrical Code*.

## SECTION 807 MECHANICAL

**807.1 Reconfigured or converted spaces.** Reconfigured spaces intended for occupancy and spaces converted to habitable or occupiable space in any work area shall be provided with natural or mechanical ventilation in accordance with the *California Mechanical Code*.

**Exception:** Existing mechanical ventilation systems shall comply with the requirements of Section 807.2.

**807.2 Altered existing systems.** In mechanically ventilated spaces, existing mechanical ventilation systems that are altered, reconfigured or extended shall provide not less than 5

cubic feet per minute (cfm) (0.0024 m<sup>3</sup>/s) per person of outdoor air and not less than 15 cfm (0.0071 m<sup>3</sup>/s) of ventilation air per person, or not less than the amount of ventilation air determined by the Indoor Air Quality Procedure of ASHRAE 62.1.

**807.3 Local exhaust.** Newly introduced devices, equipment or operations that produce airborne particulate matter, odors, fumes, vapor, combustion products, gaseous contaminants, pathogenic and allergenic organisms, and microbial contaminants in such quantities as to affect adversely or impair health or cause discomfort to occupants shall be provided with local exhaust.

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## CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE

### CHAPTER 9 – ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 3

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				1	2	1/AC	AC	SS	SS/CC	1	1R	2	3	4	5								
Adopt Entire Chapter																							
Adopt Entire Chapter as amended (amended sections listed below)			X																				
Adopt only those sections that are listed below																							
Chapter / Section																							
902.1			X																				
904.1			X																				
904.2			X																				
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## CHAPTER 9

# ALTERATIONS—LEVEL 3

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 9 provides the technical requirements for those existing buildings that undergo Level 3 alterations. The purpose of this chapter is to provide detailed requirements and provisions to identify the required improvements in the existing building elements, building spaces and building structural system. This chapter is distinguished from Chapters 7 and 8 by involving alterations that cover 50 percent or more of the aggregate area of the building. In contrast, Level 1 alterations do not involve space reconfiguration, and Level 2 alterations involve extensive space reconfiguration that does not exceed 50 percent of the building area. Depending on the nature of alteration work, its location within the building, and whether it encompasses one or more tenants, improvements and upgrades could be required for the open floor penetrations, sprinkler system or the installation of additional means of egress such as stairs or fire escapes. At times and under certain situations, this chapter also is intended to improve the safety of certain building features beyond the work area and in other parts of the building where no alteration work might be taking place.

### SECTION 901 GENERAL

**901.1 Scope.** Level 3 alterations as described in Section 604 shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.

**901.2 Compliance.** In addition to the provisions of this chapter, work shall comply with all of the requirements of Chapters 7 and 8. The requirements of Sections 802, 803, 804 and 805 shall apply within all work areas whether or not they include exits and corridors shared by more than one tenant and regardless of the occupant load.

**Exception:** Buildings in which the reconfiguration of space affecting exits or shared egress access is exclusively the result of compliance with the accessibility requirements of Section 306.7.1 shall not be required to comply with this chapter.

### SECTION 902 SPECIAL USE AND OCCUPANCY

>|| 902.1 *Reserved.*

### SECTION 903 BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

**903.1 Existing shafts and vertical openings.** Existing stairways that are part of the means of egress shall be enclosed in accordance with Section 802.2.1 from the highest work area floor to, and including, the level of exit discharge and all floors below.

**903.2 Fire partitions in Group R-3.** Fire separation in Group R-3 occupancies shall be in accordance with Section 903.2.1.

**903.2.1 Separation required.** Where the work area is in any attached dwelling unit in Group R-3 or any multiple single-family dwelling (townhouse), walls separating the dwelling units that are not continuous from the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing shall be constructed

to provide a continuous fire separation using construction materials consistent with the existing wall or complying with the requirements for new structures. Work shall be performed on the side of the dwelling unit wall that is part of the work area.

**Exception:** Where alterations or repairs do not result in the removal of wall or ceiling finishes exposing the structure, walls are not required to be continuous through concealed floor spaces.

**903.3 Interior finish.** Interior finish in exits serving the work area shall comply with Section 802.4 between the highest floor on which there is a work area to the floor of exit discharge.

**903.4 Enhanced classroom acoustics.** In Group E occupancies, where the work area is a Level 3 alteration, enhanced classroom acoustics shall be provided in all classrooms with a volume of 20,000 cubic feet (565 m<sup>3</sup>) or less. Enhanced classroom acoustics shall comply with the reverberation time in Section 808 of ICC A117.1.

### SECTION 904 FIRE PROTECTION

**904.1 Automatic sprinkler systems.** An automatic sprinkler system shall be provided in accordance with Section 903 of the California Building and California Fire Codes.

**904.2 Fire alarm and detection systems.** Fire alarm and detection shall be provided in accordance with Section 907 of the California Building Code as required for new construction in accordance with California Fire Code Sections 907 and 1103.7.

**904.2.1 Systems out of service.** Existing fire alarm and detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with Section 901.7 of the California Fire Code. Site fire protection during construction shall be in accordance with Chapter 33 of the California Building and California Fire Codes.

## SECTION 905 MEANS OF EGRESS

**905.1 General.** The means of egress shall comply with the requirements of Section 804 except as specifically required in Sections 905.2 and 905.3.

**905.2 Means-of-egress lighting.** Means of egress from the highest work area floor to the floor of exit discharge shall be provided with artificial lighting within the exit enclosure in accordance with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**905.3 Exit signs.** Means of egress from the highest work area floor to the floor of exit discharge shall be provided with exit signs in accordance with the requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**905.4 Two-way communications systems.** In buildings with elevator service, a two-way communication system shall be provided where required by Section 1009.8 of the *California Building Code*.

## SECTION 906 STRUCTURAL

**[BS] 906.1 General.** Where buildings are undergoing Level 3 alterations, the provisions of this section shall apply.

**[BS] 906.2 Existing structural elements resisting lateral loads.** Where work involves a substantial structural alteration, the lateral load-resisting system of the altered building shall be shown to satisfy the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

### Exceptions:

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes that are altered based on the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or in compliance with the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.
2. Where the intended alteration involves only the lowest story of a building, only the lateral load resisting components in and below that story need comply with this section.

**[BS] 906.3 Seismic Design Category F.** Where the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category F, the structure of the altered building shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 906.4 Anchorage for concrete and masonry buildings.** For any building assigned to Seismic Design Category D, E or F with a structural system that includes concrete or reinforced masonry walls with a flexible roof diaphragm, the

alteration work shall include installation of wall anchors at the roof line of all subject buildings and at the floor lines of unreinforced masonry buildings unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of existing wall anchorage. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 906.5 Anchorage for unreinforced masonry walls.** For any building assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F with a structural system that includes unreinforced masonry bearing walls, the alteration work shall include installation of wall anchors at the roof line, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of existing wall anchorage. Reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 906.6 Bracing for unreinforced masonry parapets.** Parapets constructed of unreinforced masonry in buildings assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F shall have bracing installed as needed to resist the reduced *California Building Code*-level seismic forces in accordance with Section 304.3, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 906.7 Anchorage of unreinforced masonry partitions.** Where the building is assigned to Seismic Design Category C, D, E or F, unreinforced masonry partitions and nonstructural walls within the work area and adjacent to egress paths from the work area shall be anchored, removed, or altered to resist out-of-plane seismic forces, unless an evaluation demonstrates compliance of such items. Use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

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# CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE – MATRIX ADOPTION TABLE

## CHAPTER 10 – CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

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Adopt only those sections that are listed below																							
Chapter / Section																							
1007.1			X																				
1011.2.1			X																				
1011.2.2			X																				
Table 1011.5			X																				
1011.5.2			X																				
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# CHAPTER 10

## CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

### User note:

**About this chapter:** The purpose of this chapter is to provide regulations for the circumstances where an existing building is subject to a change of occupancy or a change of occupancy classification. A change of occupancy is not to be confused with a change of occupancy classification. The California Building Code defines different occupancy classifications in Chapter 3 and special occupancy requirements in Chapter 4. Within specific occupancy classifications there can be many different types of actual activities that can take place. For instance, a Group A-3 occupancy classification deals with a wide variation of different types of activities, including bowling alleys and courtrooms, indoor tennis courts and dance halls. When a facility changes use from, for example, a bowling alley to a dance hall, the occupancy classification remains A-3, but the different uses could lead to drastically different code requirements. Therefore, this chapter deals with the special circumstances that are associated with a change in the use of a building within the same occupancy classification as well as a change of occupancy classification.

### SECTION 1001 GENERAL

**1001.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply where a change of occupancy occurs, as defined in Section 202.

**1001.2 Certificate of occupancy.** A change of occupancy or a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code* shall not be made to any structure without the approval of the code official. A certificate of occupancy shall be issued where it has been determined that the requirements for the change of occupancy have been met.

**1001.2.1 Change of use.** Any work undertaken in connection with a change in use that does not involve a change of occupancy classification or a change to another group within an occupancy classification shall conform to the applicable requirements for the work as classified in Chapter 6 and to the requirements of Sections 1002 through 1010.

**1001.2.2 Change of occupancy classification or group.** Where the occupancy classification of a building changes, the provisions of Sections 1002 through 1011 shall apply. This includes a change of occupancy classification and a change to another group within an occupancy classification.

**1001.2.2.1 Partial change of occupancy.** Where the occupancy classification or group of a portion of an existing building is changed, Section 1011 shall apply.

**1001.3 Certificate of occupancy required.** A certificate of occupancy shall be issued where a change of occupancy occurs that results in a different occupancy classification as determined by the *California Building Code*.

### SECTION 1002 SPECIAL USE AND OCCUPANCY

**1002.1 Compliance with the building code.** Where an existing building or part of an existing building undergoes a change of occupancy to one of the special use or occupancy

categories as described in Chapter 4 in the *California Building Code*, the building shall comply with all of the requirements of Chapter 4 of the *California Building Code* applicable to the special use or occupancy.

**1002.2 Incidental uses.** Where a portion of a building undergoes a change of occupancy to one of the incidental uses listed in Table 509.1 of the *California Building Code*, the incidental use shall comply with Section 509 of the *California Building Code* applicable to the incidental use.

### SECTION 1003 BUILDING ELEMENTS AND MATERIALS

**1003.1 General.** Building elements and materials in portions of buildings undergoing a change of occupancy classification shall comply with Section 1011.

### SECTION 1004 FIRE PROTECTION

**1004.1 General.** Fire protection requirements of Section 1011 shall apply where a building or portions thereof undergo a change of occupancy classification or where there is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code*.

### SECTION 1005 MEANS OF EGRESS

**1005.1 General.** Means of egress in portions of buildings undergoing a change of occupancy classification shall comply with Section 1011.

### SECTION 1006 STRUCTURAL

**[BS] 1006.1 Live loads.** Structural elements carrying tributary live loads from an area with a change of occupancy shall satisfy the requirements of Section 1607 of the *California Building Code*. Design live loads for areas of new occupancy

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shall be based on Section 1607 of the *California Building Code*. Design live loads for other areas shall be permitted to use previously approved design live loads.

**Exception:** Structural elements whose demand-capacity ratio considering the change of occupancy is not more than 5 percent greater than the demand-capacity ratio based on previously approved live loads.

**[BS] 1006.2 Snow and wind loads.** Where a change of occupancy results in a structure being assigned to a higher risk category, the structure shall satisfy the requirements of Sections 1608 and 1609 of the *California Building Code* for the new risk category.

**Exception:** Where the area of the new occupancy is less than 10 percent of the building area. The cumulative effect of occupancy changes over time shall be considered.

**[BS] 1006.3 Seismic loads.** Where a change of occupancy results in a building being assigned to a higher risk category, or where the change is from a Group S or Group U occupancy to any occupancy other than Group S or Group U, the building shall satisfy the requirements of Section 1613 of the *California Building Code* for the new risk category using full seismic forces.

### Exceptions:

1. Where a change of use results in a building being reclassified from Risk Category I or II to Risk Category III and the seismic coefficient,  $S_{DS}$ , is less than 0.33, compliance with this section is not required.
2. Where the area of the new occupancy is less than 10 percent of the building area, the occupancy is not changing from a Group S or Group U occupancy, and the new occupancy is not assigned to Risk Category IV, compliance with this section is not required. The cumulative effect of occupancy changes over time shall be considered.
3. *Reserved.*
4. Where the change is from a Group S or Group U occupancy and there is no change of risk category, use of reduced seismic forces shall be permitted.

**[BS] 1006.4 Access to Risk Category IV.** Any structure that provides operational access to an adjacent structure assigned to Risk Category IV as the result of a change of occupancy shall itself satisfy the requirements of Sections 1608, 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. For compliance with Section 1613 of the *California Building Code*, the full seismic forces shall be used. Where operational access to Risk Category IV is less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from either an interior lot line or from another structure, access protection from potential falling debris shall be provided.

## SECTION 1007 ELECTRICAL

**1007.1 Special occupancies.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed to one of the following special occupancies as described in the *California Electrical Code*, the electrical wiring and equip-

ment of the building or portion thereof that contains the proposed occupancy shall comply with the applicable requirements of the *California Electrical Code*.

1. Hazardous locations.
2. Commercial garages, repair and storage.
3. Aircraft hangars.
4. Gasoline dispensing and service stations.
5. Bulk storage plants.
6. Spray application, dipping and coating processes.
7. *Reserved.*
8. Places of assembly.
9. Theaters, audience areas of motion picture and television studios, and similar locations.
10. Motion picture and television studios and similar locations.
11. Motion picture projectors.
12. Agricultural buildings.

**1007.2 Unsafe conditions.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed, all unsafe conditions shall be corrected without requiring that all parts of the electrical system comply with the *California Electrical Code*.

**1007.3 Service upgrade.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed, electrical service shall be upgraded to meet the requirements of the *California Electrical Code* for the new occupancy.

**1007.4 Number of electrical outlets.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed, the number of electrical outlets shall comply with the *California Electrical Code* for the new occupancy.

## SECTION 1008 MECHANICAL

**1008.1 Mechanical requirements.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed such that the new occupancy is subject to different kitchen exhaust requirements or to increased mechanical ventilation requirements in accordance with the *California Mechanical Code*, the new occupancy shall comply with the respective *California Mechanical Code* provisions.

## SECTION 1009 PLUMBING

**1009.1 Increased demand.** Where the occupancy of an existing building or part of an existing building is changed such that the new occupancy is subject to increased or different plumbing fixture requirements or to increased water supply requirements in accordance with the *California Plumbing Code*, the new occupancy shall comply with the intent of the respective *California Plumbing Code* provisions.

**Exception:** Only where the occupant load of the story is increased by more than 20 percent, plumbing fixtures for the story shall be provided in quantities specified in the

*California Plumbing Code* based on the increased occupant load.

**1009.2 Food-handling occupancies.** If the new occupancy is a food-handling establishment, all existing sanitary waste lines above the food or drink preparation or storage areas shall be panned or otherwise protected to prevent leaking pipes or condensation on pipes from contaminating food or drink. New drainage lines shall not be installed above such areas and shall be protected in accordance with the *California Plumbing Code*.

**1009.3 Interceptor required.** If the new occupancy will produce grease or oil-laden wastes, interceptors shall be provided as required in the *California Plumbing Code*.

**1009.4 Chemical wastes.** If the new occupancy will produce chemical wastes, the following shall apply:

1. If the existing piping is not compatible with the chemical waste, the waste shall be neutralized prior to entering the drainage system or the piping shall be changed to a compatible material.
2. Chemical waste shall not discharge to a public sewer system without the approval of the sewage authority.

## SECTION 1010 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**1010.1 Light and ventilation.** Light and ventilation shall comply with the requirements of the *California Building Code* for the new occupancy.

## SECTION 1011 CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION

**1011.1 General.** The provisions of this section shall apply to buildings or portions thereof undergoing a change of occupancy classification. This includes a change of occupancy classification within a group as well as a change of occupancy classification from one group to a different group or where there is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code*. Such buildings shall also comply with Sections 1002 through 1010 of this code.

**1011.2 Fire protection systems.** Fire protection systems shall be provided in accordance with Sections 1011.2.1 and 1011.2.2.

**1011.2.1 Fire sprinkler system.** Where a change in occupancy classification occurs or where there is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code* that requires an automatic fire sprinkler system to be provided based on the new occupancy in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code*. The installation of the automatic sprinkler system shall be required within the area of the change of occupancy and areas of the building not separated by a fire wall from the change of occupancy.

**1011.2.2 Fire alarm and detection system.** Where a change in occupancy classification occurs or where there

is a change of occupancy within a space where there is a different fire protection system threshold requirement in Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code* that requires a fire alarm and detection system to be provided based on the new occupancy, such system shall be in accordance with Chapter 11 and Section 907 of the *California Fire Code*.

**1011.3 Interior finish.** In areas of the building undergoing the change of occupancy classification, the interior finish of walls and ceilings shall comply with the requirements of the *California Building Code* for the new occupancy classification.

**1011.4 Enhanced classroom acoustics.** In Group E occupancies, where the work area is a Level 3 alteration, enhanced classroom acoustics shall be provided in all classrooms with a volume of 20,000 cubic feet (565 m<sup>3</sup>) or less. Enhanced classroom acoustics shall comply with the reverberation time in Section 808 of ICC A117.1.

**1011.5 Means of egress, general.** Hazard categories in regard to life safety and means of egress shall be in accordance with Table 1011.5.

TABLE 1011.5  
MEANS OF EGRESS HAZARD CATEGORIES

RELATIVE HAZARD	OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS
1 (Highest Hazard)	H (Not Allowed)
2	I-2; I-3; I-4 (Not Allowed)
3	A; E; M; R-1; R-2; R-4
4	B; F-1; R-3; R-4; S-1
5 (Lowest Hazard)	F-2; S-2; U

**1011.5.1 Means of egress for change to a higher-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher-hazard category (lower number) as shown in Table 1011.5, the means of egress shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the *California Building Code*.

### Exceptions:

1. Stairways shall be enclosed in compliance with the applicable provisions of Section 903.1.
2. Existing stairways including handrails and guards complying with the requirements of Chapter 9 shall be permitted for continued use subject to approval of the code official.
3. Any stairway replacing an existing stairway within a space where the pitch or slope cannot be reduced because of existing construction shall not be required to comply with the maximum riser height and minimum tread depth requirements.
4. Existing corridor walls constructed on both sides of wood lath and plaster in good condition or 1/2-inch-thick (12.7 mm) gypsum wallboard shall be permitted. Such walls shall either terminate at the underside of a ceiling of equivalent construction or extend to the underside of the floor or roof next above.

5. Existing corridor doorways, transoms and other corridor openings shall comply with the requirements in Sections 804.6.1, 804.6.2 and 804.6.3.
6. Existing dead-end corridors shall comply with the requirements in Section 804.7.
7. An operable window complying with Section 1011.5.6 shall be accepted as an emergency escape and rescue opening.

**1011.5.2 Means of egress for change of use to an equal or lower-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to an equal or lesser-hazard category (higher number) as shown in Table 1011.5, existing elements of the means of egress shall comply with the requirements of Section 905 for the new occupancy classification. Newly constructed or configured means of egress shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 10 of the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Any stairway replacing an existing stairway within a space where the pitch or slope cannot be reduced shall not be required to comply with the maximum riser height and minimum tread depth requirements.

**1011.5.3 Egress capacity.** Egress capacity shall meet or exceed the occupant load as specified in the *California Building Code* for the new occupancy.

**1011.5.4 Handrails.** Existing stairways shall comply with the handrail requirements of Section 804.10.

**1011.5.5 Guards.** Existing guards shall comply with the requirements in Section 804.12.

**1011.5.6 Existing emergency escape and rescue openings.** Where a change of occupancy would require an emergency escape and rescue opening in accordance with Section 1031 of the *California Building Code*, operable windows serving as the emergency escape and rescue opening shall comply with the following:

1. An existing operable window shall provide a minimum net clear opening of 4 square feet (0.38 m<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum net clear opening height of 22 inches (559 mm) and a minimum net clear opening width of 20 inches (508 mm).
2. A replacement window where such window complies with both of the following:
  - 2.1. The replacement window meets the size requirements in Item 1.
  - 2.2. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.

**1011.6 Heights and areas.** Hazard categories in regard to height and area shall be in accordance with Table 1011.6.

**TABLE 1011.6  
HEIGHTS AND AREAS HAZARD CATEGORIES**

RELATIVE HAZARD	OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATIONS
1 (Highest Hazard)	H
2	A-1; A-2; A-3; A-4; I; R-1; R-2; R-4, Condition 2
3	E; F-1; S-1; M
4 (Lowest Hazard)	B; F-2; S-2; A-5; R-3; R-4, Condition 1; U

**1011.6.1 Height and area for change to a higher-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher-hazard category as shown in Table 1011.6, heights and areas of buildings and structures shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 5 of the *California Building Code* for the new occupancy classification.

**Exception:** For high-rise buildings constructed in compliance with a previously issued permit, the type of construction reduction specified in Section 403.2.1 of the *California Building Code* is permitted. This shall include the reduction for columns. The high-rise building is required to be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 of the *California Building Code*.

**1011.6.1.1 Fire wall alternative.** In other than Groups H, F-1 and S-1, fire barriers and horizontal assemblies constructed in accordance with Sections 707 and 711, respectively, of the *California Building Code* shall be permitted to be used in lieu of fire walls to subdivide the building into separate buildings for the purpose of complying with the area limitations required for the new occupancy where all of the following conditions are met:

1. The buildings are protected throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 of the *California Fire Code*.
2. The maximum allowable area between fire barriers, horizontal assemblies or any combination thereof shall not exceed the maximum allowable area determined in accordance with Chapter 5 of the *California Building Code* without an increase allowed for an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 506 of the *California Building Code*.
3. The fire-resistance rating of the fire barriers and horizontal assemblies shall be not less than that specified for fire walls in Table 706.4 of the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Where horizontal assemblies are used to limit the maximum allowable area, the required fire-resistance rating of the horizontal assemblies shall be permitted to be reduced by 1 hour provided that the height and number of stories increases allowed for an automatic sprinkler system by Section 504 of the *California Building Code* are not used for the buildings.

**1011.6.2 Height and area for change to an equal or lesser-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to an equal or lesser-hazard category as shown in Table 1011.6, the height and area of the existing building shall be deemed acceptable.

**1011.6.3 Fire barriers.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher-hazard category as shown in Table 1011.6, fire barriers in separated mixed use buildings shall comply with the fire-resistance requirements of the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** Where the fire barriers are required to have a 1-hour fire-resistance rating, existing wood lath and plaster in good condition or existing  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) gypsum wallboard shall be permitted.

**1011.7 Exterior wall fire-resistance ratings.** Hazard categories in regard to fire-resistance ratings of exterior walls shall be in accordance with Table 1011.7.

**TABLE 1011.7  
EXPOSURE OF EXTERIOR WALLS HAZARD CATEGORIES**

RELATIVE HAZARD	OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION
1 (Highest Hazard)	H
2	F-1; M; S-1
3	A; B; E; I; R
4 (Lowest Hazard)	F-2; S-2; U

**1011.7.1 Exterior wall rating for change of occupancy classification to a higher-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher hazard category as shown in Table 1011.7, exterior walls shall have fire resistance and exterior opening protectives as required by the *California Building Code*.

**Exception:** A 2-hour fire-resistance rating shall be allowed where the building does not exceed three stories in height and is classified as one of the following groups: A-2 and A-3 with an occupant load of less than 300, B, F, M or S.

**1011.7.2 Exterior wall rating for change of occupancy classification to an equal or lesser-hazard category.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to an equal or lesser-hazard category as shown in Table 1011.7, existing exterior walls, including openings, shall be accepted.

**1011.7.3 Opening protectives.** Openings in exterior walls shall be protected as required by the *California Building Code*. Where openings in the exterior walls are required to be protected because of their distance from the lot line, the sum of the area of such openings shall not exceed 50 percent of the total area of the wall in each story.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where the *California Building Code* permits openings in excess of 50 percent.
2. Protected openings shall not be required in buildings of Group R occupancy that do not exceed three stories in height and that are located not less than 3 feet (914 mm) from the lot line.

3. Exterior opening protectives are not required where an automatic sprinkler system has been installed throughout.
4. Exterior opening protectives are not required where the change of occupancy group is to an equal or lower hazard classification in accordance with Table 1011.7.

**1011.8 Enclosure of vertical shafts.** Enclosure of vertical shafts shall be in accordance with Sections 1011.8.1 through 1011.8.4.

**1011.8.1 Minimum requirements.** Vertical shafts shall be designed to meet the *California Building Code* requirements for atriums or the requirements of this section.

**1011.8.2 Stairways.** Where a change of occupancy classification is made to a higher-hazard category as shown in Table 1011.5, interior stairways shall be enclosed as required by the *California Building Code*.

**Exceptions:**

1. In other than Group I occupancies, an enclosure shall not be required for openings serving only one adjacent floor and that are not connected with corridors or stairways serving other floors.
2. Unenclosed existing stairways need not be enclosed in a continuous vertical shaft if each story is separated from other stories by 1-hour fire-resistance-rated construction and all exit corridors are sprinklered. The openings between the corridor and the occupant space shall have not fewer than one sprinkler head above the openings on the tenant side. The sprinkler system shall be permitted to be supplied from the domestic water-supply systems, provided that the system is of adequate pressure, capacity and sizing for the combined domestic and sprinkler requirements.
3. Existing penetrations of stairway enclosures shall be accepted if they are protected in accordance with the *California Building Code*.

**1011.8.3 Other vertical shafts.** Interior vertical shafts other than stairways, including but not limited to elevator hoistways and service and utility shafts, shall be enclosed as required by the *California Building Code* where there is a change of use to a higher-hazard category as specified in Table 1011.5.

**Exceptions:**

1. Existing 1-hour interior shaft enclosures shall be accepted where a higher rating is required.
2. Vertical openings, other than stairways, in buildings of other than Group I occupancy and connecting less than six stories shall not be required to be enclosed if the entire building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

**1011.8.4 Openings.** Openings into existing vertical shaft enclosures shall be protected by fire assemblies having a fire protection rating of not less than 1 hour and shall be maintained self-closing or shall be automatic-closing by

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actuation of a smoke detector. Other openings shall be fire protected in an approved manner. Existing fusible link-type automatic door-closing devices shall be permitted in all shafts except stairways if the fusible link rating does not exceed 135°F (57°C).

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*(Matrix Adoption Tables are nonregulatory, intended only as an aid to the code user.*

*See Chapter 1 for state agency authority and building applications.)*

Adopting Agency	BSC	BSC- CG	SFM	HCD			DSA			OSHPD						BSCC	DPH	AGR	DWR	CEC	CA	SL	SLC
				1	2	1/AC	AC	SS	SS/CC	1	1R	2	3	4	5								
Adopt Entire Chapter																							
Adopt Entire Chapter as amended (amended sections listed below)			X																				
Adopt only those sections that are listed below																							
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1101.1			X																				
1102.2			X																				
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# CHAPTER 11

## ADDITIONS

### User note:

**About this chapter:** Chapter 11 provides the requirements for additions, which correlate to the code requirements for new construction. There are, however, some exceptions that are specifically stated within this chapter. An "Addition" is defined in Chapter 2 as "an extension or increase in the floor area, number of stories or height of a building or structure." Chapter 11 contains the minimum requirements for an addition that is not separated from the existing building by a fire wall.

### SECTION 1101 GENERAL

**1101.1 Scope.** An addition to a building or structure shall comply with the *California Building Standards Codes* as adopted for new construction without requiring the existing building or structure to comply with any requirements of those codes or of these provisions, except as required by this chapter. Where an addition or alteration impacts the existing building or structure, *the result of the addition or alteration shall not put the existing building or structure out of compliance with the California Building or Residential Code as applicable. The provisions of height and area of the California Building or Residential Code shall apply to the entire existing building with the additions.*

**1101.2 Creation or extension of nonconformity.** An addition shall not create or extend any nonconformity in the existing building to which the addition is being made with regard to accessibility, structural strength, fire safety, means of egress or the capacity of mechanical, plumbing or electrical systems.

**1101.3 Other work.** Any repair or alteration work within an existing building to which an addition is being made shall comply with the applicable requirements for the work as classified in Chapter 6.

**1101.4 Enhanced classroom acoustics.** In Group E occupancies, enhanced classroom acoustics shall be provided in all classrooms in the addition with a volume of 20,000 cubic feet (565 m<sup>3</sup>) or less. Enhanced classroom acoustics shall comply with the reverberation time in Section 808 of ICC A117.1.

### SECTION 1102 HEIGHTS AND AREAS

**1102.1 Height limitations.** An addition shall not increase the height of an existing building beyond that permitted under the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 of the *California Building Code* for new buildings.

**1102.2 Area limitations.** An addition shall not increase the area of an existing building beyond that permitted under the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 of the *California Building Code* for new buildings unless fire separation as required by the *California Building Code* is provided.

**1102.3 Fire protection systems.** Existing fire areas increased by the addition shall comply with Chapter 9 of the *California Building Code*.

**1102.4 Systems out of service.** Existing fire alarm and detection systems shall be maintained in accordance with Section 901.7 of the *California Fire Code*. Site fire protection during construction shall be in accordance with Chapter 33 of the *California Building and California Fire Codes*.

### SECTION 1103 STRUCTURAL

**[BS] 1103.1 Additional gravity loads.** Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element for which an addition and its related alterations cause an increase in design dead, live or snow load, including snow drift effects, of more than 5 percent shall be replaced or altered as needed to carry the gravity loads required by the *California Building Code* for new structures. Any existing gravity load-carrying structural element whose gravity load-carrying capacity is decreased as part of the addition and its related alterations shall be considered to be an altered element subject to the requirements of Section 805.2. Any existing element that will form part of the lateral load path for any part of the addition shall be considered to be an existing lateral load-carrying structural element subject to the requirements of Section 1103.3.

**Exception:** Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling units or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the existing building and the addition together comply with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.

**[BS] 1103.2 Lateral force-resisting system.** Where the addition is structurally independent of the existing structure, existing lateral load-carrying structural elements shall be permitted to remain unaltered. Where the addition is not structurally independent of the existing structure, the existing structure and its addition acting together as a single structure shall meet the requirements of Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code* using full seismic forces.

#### Exceptions:

1. Buildings of Group R occupancy with not more than five dwelling or sleeping units used solely for residential purposes where the existing building and the addition comply with the conventional light-frame construction methods of the *California Building Code* or the provisions of the *California Residential Code*.

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2. Any existing lateral load-carrying structural element whose demand-capacity ratio with the addition considered is not more than 10 percent greater than its demand-capacity ratio with the addition ignored shall be permitted to remain unaltered. For purposes of calculating demand-capacity ratios, the demand shall consider applicable load combinations with design lateral loads or forces in accordance with Sections 1609 and 1613 of the *California Building Code*. For purposes of this exception, comparisons of demand-capacity ratios and calculation of design lateral loads, forces and capacities shall account for the cumulative effects of additions and alterations since original construction.

**[BS] 1103.3 Flood hazard areas.** Additions and foundations in flood hazard areas shall comply with the following requirements:

1. For horizontal additions that are structurally interconnected to the existing building:
  - 1.1. If the addition and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute substantial improvement, the existing building and the addition shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
  - 1.2. If the addition constitutes substantial improvement, the existing building and the addition shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
2. For horizontal additions that are not structurally interconnected to the existing building:
  - 2.1. The addition shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
  - 2.2. If the addition and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute substantial improvement, the existing building and the addition shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
3. For vertical additions and all other proposed work that, when combined, constitute substantial improvement, the existing building shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
4. For a raised or extended foundation, if the foundation work and all other proposed work, when combined, constitute substantial improvement, the existing building shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.
5. For a new foundation or replacement foundation, the foundation shall comply with Section 1612 of the *California Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *California Residential Code*, as applicable.

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## CHAPTER 13 – PERFORMANCE COMPLIANCE METHODS

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## CHAPTER 13

# PERFORMANCE COMPLIANCE METHODS

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*(See Section 104.11 for consideration of alternative means of compliance.)*

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#### **User note:**

**About this chapter:** Chapter 13 allows for existing buildings to be evaluated so as to show that alterations, while not meeting new construction requirements, will improve the current existing situation. Provisions are based on a numerical scoring system involving 19 various safety parameters and the degree of code compliance for each issue.

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### **SECTION 1301 GENERAL**

**1301.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to the alteration, addition and change of occupancy of existing structures, including historic structures, as referenced in Section 301.3.3. The provisions of this chapter are intended to maintain or increase the current degree of public safety, health and general welfare in existing buildings while permitting, alteration, addition and change of occupancy without requiring full compliance with Chapters 6 through 12, except where compliance with the prescriptive method of Chapter 5 or the work area method of other provisions of this code is specifically required in this chapter.

**1301.1.1 Compliance with other methods.** Alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing structures shall comply with the provisions of this chapter or with one of the methods provided in Section 301.3.

**1301.2 Applicability.** Existing buildings in which there is work involving additions, alterations or changes of occupancy shall be made to conform to the requirements of this chapter or the provisions of Chapters 6 through 12. The provisions of Sections 1301.2.1 through 1301.2.6 shall apply to existing occupancies that will continue to be, or are proposed to be, in Groups A, B, E, F, I-2, M, R and S. These provisions shall also apply to Group U occupancies where such occupancies are undergoing a change of occupancy or a partial change in occupancy with separations in accordance with Section 1301.2.2. These provisions shall not apply to buildings with occupancies in Group H, I-1, I-3 or I-4.

**1301.2.1 Change in occupancy.** Where an existing building is changed to a new occupancy classification and this section is applicable, the provisions of this section for the new occupancy shall be used to determine compliance with this code.

**1301.2.2 Partial change in occupancy.** Where a portion of the building is changed to a new occupancy classification and that portion is separated from the remainder of the building with fire barrier or horizontal assemblies having a fire-resistance rating as required by Table 508.4 of the *International Building Code* or Section R302 of the *International Residential Code* for the separate occupancies, or with approved compliance alternatives, the portion changed shall be made to conform to the provisions of this

section. Only the portion separated shall be required to be evaluated for compliance.

Where a portion of the building is changed to a new occupancy classification and that portion is not separated from the remainder of the building with fire barriers or horizontal assemblies having a fire-resistance rating as required by Table 508.4 of the *International Building Code* or Section R302 of the *International Residential Code* for the separate occupancies, or with approved compliance alternatives, the provisions of this section which apply to each occupancy shall apply to the entire building. Where there are conflicting provisions, those requirements which secure the greater public safety shall apply to the entire building or structure.

**1301.2.3 Additions.** Additions to existing buildings shall comply with the requirements of the *International Building Code* or the *International Residential Code* for new construction. The combined height and area of the existing building and the new addition shall not exceed the height and area allowed by Chapter 5 of the *International Building Code*. Where a fire wall that complies with Section 706 of the *International Building Code* is provided between the addition and the existing building, the addition shall be considered a separate building.

**1301.2.4 Alterations.** An existing building or portion thereof shall not be altered in such a manner that results in the building being less safe or sanitary than such building is currently.

**Exception:** Where the current level of safety or sanitation is proposed to be reduced, the portion altered shall conform to the requirements of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.2.5 Escalators.** Where escalators are provided in below-grade transportation stations, existing and new escalators shall be permitted to have a clear width of less than 32 inches (815 mm).

**1301.2.6 Plumbing fixtures.** Plumbing fixtures shall be provided in accordance with Section 1009 for a change of occupancy and Section 808 for alterations. Plumbing fixtures for additions shall be in accordance with the *International Plumbing Code*.

**1301.3 Acceptance.** For repairs, alterations, additions and changes of occupancy to existing buildings that are evaluated in accordance with this section, compliance with this section shall be accepted by the code official.

**1301.3.1 Hazards.** Where the code official determines that an unsafe condition exists as provided for in Section 115, such unsafe condition shall be abated in accordance with Section 115.

**1301.3.2 Compliance with other codes.** Buildings that are evaluated in accordance with this section shall comply with the *International Fire Code* and *International Property Maintenance Code*.

**[BS] 1301.3.3 Compliance with flood hazard provisions.** In flood hazard areas, buildings that are evaluated in accordance with this section shall comply with Section 1612 of the *International Building Code*, or Section R322 of the *International Residential Code*, as applicable, if the work covered by this section constitutes substantial improvement.

**1301.4 Investigation and evaluation.** For proposed work covered by this chapter, the building owner shall cause the existing building to be investigated and evaluated in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1301.4 through 1301.9.

**[BS] 1301.4.1 Structural analysis.** The owner shall have a structural analysis of the existing building made to determine adequacy of structural systems for the proposed alteration, addition or change of occupancy. The analysis shall demonstrate that the building with the work completed is capable of resisting the loads specified in Chapter 16 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.4.2 Submittal.** The results of the investigation and evaluation as required in Section 1301.4, along with proposed compliance alternatives, shall be submitted to the code official.

**1301.4.3 Determination of compliance.** The code official shall determine whether the existing building, with the proposed addition, alteration or change of occupancy, complies with the provisions of this section in accordance with the evaluation process in Sections 1301.5 through 1301.9.

**1301.5 Evaluation.** The evaluation shall be composed of three categories: fire safety, means of egress and general safety, as defined in Sections 1301.5.1 through 1301.5.3.

**1301.5.1 Fire safety.** Included within the fire safety category are the structural fire resistance, automatic fire detection, fire alarm, automatic sprinkler system and fire suppression system features of the facility.

**1301.5.2 Means of egress.** Included within the means of egress category are the configuration, characteristics and support features for means of egress in the facility.

**1301.5.3 General safety.** Included within the general safety category are the fire safety parameters and the means of egress parameters.

**1301.6 Evaluation process.** The evaluation process specified herein shall be followed in its entirety to evaluate existing buildings in Groups A, B, E, F, M, R, S and U. For existing

buildings in Group I-2, the evaluation process specified herein shall be followed and applied to each and every individual smoke compartment. Table 1301.7 shall be utilized for tabulating the results of the evaluation. References to other sections of this code or other codes indicate that compliance with those sections is required in order to gain credit in the evaluation herein outlined. In applying this section to a building with mixed occupancies, where the separation between the mixed occupancies does not qualify for any category indicated in Section 1301.6.16, the score for each occupancy shall be determined, and the lower score determined for each section of the evaluation process shall apply to the entire building or to each smoke compartment for Group I-2 occupancies.

Where the separation between the mixed occupancies qualifies for any category indicated in Section 1301.6.16, the score for each occupancy shall apply to each portion or smoke compartment of the building based on the occupancy of the space.

**1301.6.1 Building height and number of stories.** The value for building height and number of stories shall be the lesser value determined by the formula in Section 1301.6.1.1. Section 504 of the *International Building Code* shall be used to determine the allowable height and number of stories of the building. Subtract the actual building height from the allowable height and divide by 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet (3810 mm). Enter the height value and its sign (positive or negative) in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.1, Building Height, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. The maximum score for a building shall be 10.

**1301.6.1.1 Height formula.** The following formulas shall be used in computing the building height value.

$$\text{Height value, feet} = \frac{(AH) - (EBH)}{12.5} \times CF \quad (\text{Equation 13-1})$$

$$\text{Height value, stories} = (AS - EBS) \times CF \quad (\text{Equation 13-2})$$

where:

*AH* = Allowable height in feet (mm) from Section 504 of the *International Building Code*.

*EBH* = Existing building height in feet (mm).

*AS* = Allowable height in stories from Section 504 of the *International Building Code*.

*EBS* = Existing building height in stories.

*CF* = 1 if  $(AH) - (EBH)$  is positive.

*CF* = Construction-type factor shown in Table 1301.6.6(2) if  $(AH) - (EBH)$  is negative.

**Note:** Where mixed occupancies are separated and individually evaluated as indicated in Section 1301.6, the values *AH*, *AS*, *EBH* and *EBS* shall be based on the height of the occupancy being evaluated.

**1301.6.2 Building area.** The value for building area shall be determined by the formula in Section 1301.6.2.2.

Section 506 of the *International Building Code* and the formula in Section 1301.6.2.1 shall be used to determine the allowable area of the building. Enter the area value and its sign (positive or negative) in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.2, Building Area, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. In determining the area value, the maximum permitted positive value for area is 50 percent of the fire safety score as listed in Table 1301.8, Mandatory Safety Scores. Group I-2 occupancies shall be scored zero.

**1301.6.2.1 Allowable area formula.** The following formula shall be used in computing allowable area:

$$A_a = A_t + (NS \times I_f) \quad (\text{Equation 13-3})$$

where:

$A_a$  = Allowable building area per story (square feet).

$A_t$  = Tabular allowable area factor (NS, S1, S13R, or SM value, as applicable) in accordance with Table 506.2 of the *International Building Code*.

NS = Tabular allowable area factor in accordance with Table 506.2 of the *International Building Code* for a nonsprinklered building (regardless of whether the building is sprinklered).

$I_f$  = Area factor increase due to frontage as calculated in accordance with Section 506.3 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.6.2.2 Area formula.** The following formulas shall be used in computing the area value. Equation 13-4 shall be used for a single occupancy buildings and Equation 13-5 shall be used for multiple occupancy buildings. Determine the area value for each occupancy floor area on a floor-by-floor basis. For multiple occupancy, buildings with the minimum area value of the set of values obtained for the particular occupancy shall be used as the area value for that occupancy.

For single occupancy buildings:

$$\text{Area value}_i = (\text{Allowable area} - \text{Actual area})/1200 \text{ square feet} \quad (\text{Equation 13-4})$$

For multiple occupancy buildings:

$$\text{Area value}_i = \frac{\text{Allowable area}_i}{1200 \text{ square feet}} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\text{Actual area}_i}{\text{Allowable area}_i} + \dots + \frac{\text{Actual area}_n}{\text{Allowable area}_n} \right) \right] \quad (\text{Equation 13-5})$$

where:

$i$  = Value for an individual separated occupancy on a floor.

$n$  = Number of separated occupancies on a floor.

**1301.6.3 Compartmentation.** Evaluate the compartments created by fire barriers or horizontal assemblies which comply with Sections 1301.6.3.2 and 1301.6.3.3 and which are exclusive of the wall elements considered under Sections 1301.6.4 and 1301.6.5. Conforming compartments shall be figured as the net area and do not include

shafts, chases, stairways, walls or columns. Using Table 1301.6.3, determine the appropriate compartmentation value (CV) and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.3, Compartmentation, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.3  
COMPARTMENTATION VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES <sup>a</sup>				
	a	b	c	d	e
A-1, A-3	0	6	10	14	18
A-2	0	4	10	14	18
A-4, B, E, S-2	0	5	10	15	20
F, M, R, S-1	0	4	10	16	22
I-2	0	2	8	10	14

a. For compartment sizes between categories, the compartmentation value shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

**1301.6.3.1 Categories.** The categories for compartment separations are:

1. Category a—Compartment size of 15,000 square feet (1394 m<sup>2</sup>) or more.
2. Category b—Maximum compartment size of 10,000 square feet (929 m<sup>2</sup>).
3. Category c—Maximum compartment size of 7,500 square feet (697 m<sup>2</sup>).
4. Category d—Maximum compartment size of 5,000 square feet (464 m<sup>2</sup>).
5. Category e—Maximum compartment size of 2,500 square feet (232 m<sup>2</sup>).

**1301.6.3.2 Wall construction.** A wall used to create separate compartments shall be a fire barrier conforming to Section 707 of the *International Building Code* with a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours. Where the building is not divided into more than one compartment, the compartment size shall be taken as the total floor area on all floors. Where there is more than one compartment within a story, each compartmented area on such story shall be provided with a horizontal exit conforming to Section 1026 of the *International Building Code*. The fire door serving as the horizontal exit between compartments shall be so installed, fitted and gasketed that such fire door will provide a substantial barrier to the passage of smoke.

**1301.6.3.3 Floor/ceiling construction.** A floor/ceiling assembly used to create compartments shall conform to Section 711 of the *International Building Code* and shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 2 hours.

**1301.6.4 Tenant and dwelling unit separations.** Evaluate the fire-resistance rating of floors and walls separating tenants, including dwelling units, and not evaluated under Sections 1301.6.3 and 1301.6.5. Group I-2 occupancies shall evaluate the rating of the separations between care recipient sleeping rooms.

Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.4, determine the appropriate value and enter that value in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.4, Tenant and Dwelling Unit Separation, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. The value shall be zero for single tenant buildings and buildings without dwelling units.

**TABLE 1301.6.4  
SEPARATION VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES				
	a	b	c	d	e
A-1	0	0	0	0	1
A-2	-5	-3	0	1	3
R	-4	-2	0	2	4
A-3, A-4, B, E, F, M, S-1	-4	-3	0	2	4
I-2	0	1	2	3	4
S-2	-5	-2	0	2	4

**1301.6.4.1 Categories.** The categories for tenant and dwelling unit separations are:

1. Category a—No fire partitions; incomplete fire partitions; no doors; doors not self-closing or automatic-closing.
2. Category b—Fire partitions or floor assemblies with less than 1-hour fire-resistance ratings or not constructed in accordance with Section 708 or 711 of the *International Building Code*, respectively.
3. Category c—Fire partitions with 1-hour or greater fire-resistance ratings constructed in accordance with Section 708 of the *International Building Code* and floor assemblies with 1-hour but less than 2-hour fire-resistance ratings constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the *International Building Code* or with only one tenant within the floor area.
4. Category d—Fire barriers with 1-hour but less than 2-hour fire-resistance ratings constructed in accordance with Section 707 of the *International Building Code* and floor assemblies with 2-hour or greater fire-resistance ratings constructed in accordance with Section 711 of the *International Building Code*.
5. Category e—Fire barriers and floor assemblies with 2-hour or greater fire-resistance ratings and constructed in accordance with Sections 707 and 711 of the *International Building Code*, respectively.

**1301.6.5 Corridor walls.** Evaluate the fire-resistance rating and degree of completeness of walls which create corridors serving the floor and that are constructed in accordance with Section 1020 of the *International Building Code*. This evaluation shall not include the wall elements considered under Sections 1301.6.3 and 1301.6.4. Under the categories and groups in Table

1301.6.5, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.5, Corridor Walls, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.5  
CORRIDOR WALL VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES			
	a	b	c <sup>a</sup>	d <sup>a</sup>
A-1	-10	-4	0	2
A-2	-30	-12	0	2
A-3, F, M, R, S-1	-7	-3	0	2
A-4, B, E, S-2	-5	-2	0	5
I-2	-10	0	1	2

a. Corridors not providing at least one-half the exit access travel distance for all occupants on a floor shall use Category b.

**1301.6.5.1 Categories.** The categories for corridor walls are:

1. Category a—No fire partitions; incomplete fire partitions; no doors; or doors not self-closing.
2. Category b—Less than 1-hour fire-resistance rating or not constructed in accordance with Section 708.4 of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—1-hour to less than 2-hour fire-resistance rating, with doors conforming to Section 716 of the *International Building Code* or corridors as permitted by Section 1020 of the *International Building Code* to be without a fire-resistance rating.
4. Category d—2-hour or greater fire-resistance rating, with doors conforming to Section 716 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.6.6 Vertical openings.** Evaluate the fire-resistance rating of interior exit stairways or ramps, hoistways, escalator openings and other shaft enclosures within the building, and openings between two or more floors. Table 1301.6.6(1) contains the appropriate protection values. Multiply that value by the construction-type factor found in Table 1301.6.6(2). Enter the vertical opening value and its sign (positive or negative) in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.6, Vertical Openings, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. If the structure is a one-story building or if all the unenclosed vertical openings within the building conform to the requirements of Section 712 of the *International Building Code*, enter a value of 2. The maximum positive value for this requirement (VO) shall be 2.

**TABLE 1301.6.6(1)  
VERTICAL OPENING PROTECTION VALUE**

PROTECTION	VALUE
None (unprotected opening)	-2 times number of floors connected
Less than 1 hour	-1 times number of floors connected
1 to less than 2 hours	1
2 hours or more	2

**TABLE 1301.6.6(2)**  
**CONSTRUCTION-TYPE FACTOR**

FACTOR	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION								
	IA	IB	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IV	VA	VB
	1.2	1.5	2.2	3.5	2.5	3.5	2.3	3.3	7

**1301.6.6.1 Vertical opening formula.** The following formula shall be used in computing vertical opening value.

$$VO = PV \times CF \quad \text{(Equation 13-6)}$$

where:

VO = Vertical opening value. The calculated value shall not be greater than positive 2.0.

PV = Protection value from Table 1301.6.6(1).

CF = Construction-type factor from Table 1301.6.6(2).

**1301.6.7 HVAC systems.** Evaluate the ability of the HVAC system to resist the movement of smoke and fire beyond the point of origin. Under the categories in Section 1301.6.7.1, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.7, HVAC Systems, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. Facilities in Group I-2 occupancies meeting Category a, b or c shall be considered to fail the evaluation.

**1301.6.7.1 Categories.** The categories for HVAC systems are:

1. Category a—Plenums not in accordance with Section 602 of the *International Mechanical Code*. -10 points.
2. Category b—Air movement in egress elements not in accordance with Section 1020.6 of the *International Building Code*. -5 points.
3. Category c—Both Categories a and b are applicable. -15 points.
4. Category d—Compliance of the HVAC system with Section 1020.6 of the *International Building Code* and Section 602 of the *International Mechanical Code*. 0 points.
5. Category e—Systems serving one story; or a central boiler/chiller system without ductwork connecting two or more stories or where systems have no ductwork. +5 points.

**1301.6.8 Automatic fire detection.** Evaluate the smoke detection capability based on the location and operation of automatic fire detectors in accordance with the *International Mechanical Code* and Section 907 of the *International Building Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.8, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.8, Automatic Fire Detection, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. Facilities in Group I-2 occupancies meeting Category a, b or c shall be considered to fail the evaluation.

**TABLE 1301.6.8**  
**AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES					
	a	b	c	d	e	f
A-1, A-3, F, M, R, S-1	-10	-5	0	2	6	NA
A-2	-25	-5	0	5	9	NA
A-4, B, E, S-2	-4	-2	0	4	8	NA
I-2	NP	NP	NP	4	5	2

NA = Not Applicable.

NP = Not Permitted.

**1301.6.8.1 Categories.** The categories for automatic fire detection are:

1. Category a—None.
2. Category b—Existing smoke detectors in HVAC systems and maintained in accordance with the *International Fire Code*.
3. Category c—Smoke detectors in HVAC systems. The detectors are installed in accordance with the requirements for new buildings in the *International Mechanical Code*.
4. Category d—Smoke detectors throughout all floor areas other than individual sleeping units, tenant spaces and dwelling units.
5. Category e—Smoke detectors installed throughout the floor area.
6. Category f—Smoke detectors in corridors only.

**1301.6.9 Fire alarm systems.** Evaluate the capability of the fire alarm system in accordance with Section 907 of the *International Building Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.9, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.9, Fire Alarm System, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.9**  
**FIRE ALARM SYSTEM VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES			
	a	b <sup>a</sup>	c	d
A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, B, E, R	-10	-5	0	5
F, M, S	0	5	10	15
I-2	-4	1	2	5

a. For buildings equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system, add 2 points for activation by a sprinkler water-flow device.

**1301.6.9.1 Categories.** The categories for fire alarm systems are:

1. Category a—None.
2. Category b—Fire alarm system with manual fire alarm boxes in accordance with Section 907.4 of the *International Building Code* and alarm notification appliances in accordance with Section 907.5.2 of the *International Building Code*.

3. Category c—Fire alarm system in accordance with Section 907 of the *International Building Code*.
4. Category d—Category c plus a required emergency voice/alarm communications system and a fire command station that conforms to Section 911 of the *International Building Code* and contains the emergency voice/alarm communications system controls, fire department communication system controls, and any other controls specified in Section 911 of the *International Building Code* where those systems are provided.

**1301.6.10 Smoke control.** Evaluate the ability of a natural or mechanical venting, exhaust or pressurization system to control the movement of smoke from a fire. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.10, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.10, Smoke Control, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.10  
SMOKE CONTROL VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES					
	a	b	c	d	e	f
A-1, A-2, A-3	0	1	2	3	6	6
A-4, E	0	0	0	1	3	5
B, M, R	0	2 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>a</sup>
F, S	0	2 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>
I-2	-4	0	0	0	3	0

a. This value shall be 0 if compliance with Category d or e in Section 1301.6.8.1 has not been obtained.

**1301.6.10.1 Categories.** The categories for smoke control are:

1. Category a—None.
2. Category b—The building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system. Openings are provided in exterior walls at the rate of 20 square feet (1.86 m<sup>2</sup>) per 50 linear feet (15 240 mm) of exterior wall in each story and distributed around the building perimeter at intervals not exceeding 50 feet (15 240 mm). Such openings shall be readily openable from the inside without a key or separate tool and shall be provided with ready access thereto. In lieu of operable openings, clearly and permanently marked tempered glass panels shall be used.
3. Category c—One enclosed exit stairway, with ready access thereto, from each occupied floor of the building. The stairway has operable exterior windows, and the building has openings in accordance with Category b.
4. Category d—One smokeproof enclosure and the building has openings in accordance with Category b.
5. Category e—The building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system. Each

floor area is provided with a mechanical air-handling system designed to accomplish smoke containment. Return and exhaust air shall be moved directly to the outside without recirculation to other floor areas of the building under fire conditions. The system shall exhaust not less than six air changes per hour from the floor area. Supply air by mechanical means to the floor area is not required. Containment of smoke shall be considered as confining smoke to the floor area involved without migration to other floor areas. Any other tested and approved design that will adequately accomplish smoke containment is permitted.

6. Category f—Each stairway shall be one of the following: a smokeproof enclosure in accordance with Section 1023.12 of the *International Building Code*; pressurized in accordance with Section 909.20.5 of the *International Building Code*; or shall have operable exterior windows.

**1301.6.11 Means of egress capacity and number.** Evaluate the means of egress capacity and the number of exits available to the building occupants. In applying this section, the means of egress are required to conform to the following sections of the *International Building Code*: 1003.7, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1016.2, 1026.1, 1028.3, 1028.5, 1030.2, 1030.3, 1030.4 and 1031. The number of exits credited is the number that is available to each occupant of the area being evaluated. Existing fire escapes shall be accepted as a component in the means of egress when conforming to Section 504.

Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.11, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.11, Means of Egress Capacity, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.11  
MEANS OF EGRESS VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES				
	a <sup>a</sup>	b	c	d	e
A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, E, I-2	-10	0	2	8	10
M	-3	0	1	2	4
B, F, S	-1	0	0	0	0
R	-3	0	0	0	0

a. The values indicated are for buildings six stories or less in height. For buildings over six stories above grade plane, add an additional -10 points.

**1301.6.11.1 Categories.** The categories for means-of-egress capacity and number of exits are:

1. Category a—Compliance with the minimum required means-of-egress capacity or number of exits is achieved through the use of a fire escape in accordance with Section 405.
2. Category b—Capacity of the means of egress complies with Section 1005 of the *International Building Code*, and the number of exits complies

with the minimum number required by Section 1006 of the *International Building Code*.

3. Category c—Capacity of the means of egress is equal to or exceeds 125 percent of the required means-of-egress capacity, the means of egress complies with the minimum required width dimensions specified in the *International Building Code*, and the number of exits complies with the minimum number required by Section 1006 of the *International Building Code*.
4. Category d—The number of exits provided exceeds the number of exits required by Section 1006 of the *International Building Code*. Exits shall be located a distance apart from each other equal to not less than that specified in Section 1007 of the *International Building Code*.
5. Category e—The area being evaluated meets both Categories c and d.

**1301.6.12 Dead ends.** In spaces required to be served by more than one means of egress, evaluate the length of the exit access travel path in which the building occupants are confined to a single path of travel. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.12, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.12, Dead Ends, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.12  
DEAD-END VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES <sup>a</sup>			
	a	b	c	d
A-1, A-3, A-4, B, F, M, R, S	-2	0	2	-4
A-2, E	-2	0	2	-4
I-2	-2	0	2	-6

a. For dead-end distances between categories, the dead-end value shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

**1301.6.12.1 Categories.** The categories for dead ends are:

1. Category a—Dead end of 35 feet (10 670 mm) in nonsprinklered buildings or 70 feet (21 340 mm) in sprinklered buildings.
2. Category b—Dead end of 20 feet (6096 mm); or 50 feet (15 240 mm) in Group B in accordance with Section 1020.5, Exception 2, of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—No dead ends; or ratio of length to width (l/w) is less than 2.5:1.
4. Category d—Dead ends exceeding Category a.

**1301.6.13 Maximum exit access travel distance to an exit.** Evaluate the length of exit access travel to an approved exit. Determine the appropriate points in accordance with the following equation and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.13, Maximum Exit Access Travel Distance for means of egress and

general safety. The maximum allowable exit access travel distance shall be determined in accordance with Section 1017.1 of the *International Building Code*.

$$\text{Points} = 20 \times \frac{\text{Maximum allowable travel distance} - \text{Maximum actual travel distance}}{\text{Maximum allowable travel distance}} \quad (\text{Equation 13-7})$$

**1301.6.14 Elevator control.** Evaluate the passenger elevator equipment and controls that are available to the fire department to reach all occupied floors. Emergency recall and in-car operation of elevators shall be provided in accordance with the *International Fire Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.14, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.14, Elevator Control, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. The values shall be zero for a single-story building.

**TABLE 1301.6.14  
ELEVATOR CONTROL VALUES**

ELEVATOR TRAVEL	CATEGORIES			
	a	b	c	d
Less than 25 feet of travel above or below the primary level of elevator access for emergency fire-fighting or rescue personnel	-2	0	0	+2
Travel of 25 feet or more above or below the primary level of elevator access for emergency fire-fighting or rescue personnel	-4	NP	0	+4

For SI: 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

NP = Not Permitted.

**1301.6.14.1 Categories.** The categories for elevator controls are:

1. Category a—No elevator.
2. Category b—Any elevator without Phase I emergency recall operation and Phase II emergency in-car operation.
3. Category c—All elevators with Phase I emergency recall operation and Phase II emergency in-car operation as required by the *International Fire Code*.
4. Category d—All meet Category c; or Category b where permitted to be without Phase I emergency recall operation and Phase II emergency in-car operation; and at least one elevator that complies with new construction requirements serves all occupied floors.

**1301.6.15 Means of egress emergency lighting.** Evaluate the presence of and reliability of means of egress emergency lighting. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.15, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.15, Means of Egress Emergency Lighting, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.15  
MEANS OF EGRESS EMERGENCY LIGHTING VALUES**

NUMBER OF EXITS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1006 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE	CATEGORIES		
	a	b	c
Two or more exits	NP	0	4
Minimum of one exit	0	1	1

NP = Not Permitted.

**1301.6.15.1 Categories.** The categories for means of egress emergency lighting are:

1. Category a—Means-of-egress lighting and exit signs not provided with emergency power in accordance with Section 2702 of the *International Building Code*.
2. Category b—Means of egress lighting and exit signs provided with emergency power in accordance with Section 2702 of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—Emergency power provided to means of egress lighting and exit signs, which provides protection in the event of power failure to the site or building.

**1301.6.16 Mixed occupancies.** Where a building has two or more occupancies that are not in the same occupancy classification, the separation between the mixed occupancies shall be evaluated in accordance with this section. Where there is no separation between the mixed occupancies or the separation between mixed occupancies does not qualify for any of the categories indicated in Section 1301.6.16.1, the building shall be evaluated as indicated in Section 1301.6, and the value for mixed occupancies shall be zero. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.16, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.16, Mixed Occupancies, for fire safety and general safety. For buildings without mixed occupancies, the value shall be zero. Facilities in Group I-2 occupancies meeting Category a shall be considered to fail the evaluation.

**TABLE 1301.6.16  
MIXED OCCUPANCY VALUES<sup>a</sup>**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES		
	a	b	c
A-1, A-2, R	-10	0	10
A-3, A-4, B, E, F, M, S	-5	0	5
I-2	NP	0	5

NP = Not Permitted.

a. For fire-resistance ratings between categories, the value shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

**1301.6.16.1 Categories.** The categories for mixed occupancies are:

1. Category a—Occupancies separated by minimum 1-hour fire barriers or minimum 1-hour horizontal assemblies, or both.

2. Category b—Separations between occupancies in accordance with Section 508.4 of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—Separations between occupancies having a fire-resistance rating of not less than twice that required by Section 508.4 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.6.17 Automatic sprinklers.** Evaluate the ability to suppress or control a fire based on the installation of an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1 of the *International Building Code*. “Required sprinklers” shall be based on the requirements of the *International Building Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.17, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.17, Automatic Sprinklers, for fire safety, means of egress divided by 2, and general safety. High-rise buildings defined in Chapter 2 of the *International Building Code* that undergo a change of occupancy to Group R shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 403 of the *International Building Code* and Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*. Facilities in Group I-2 occupancies meeting Category a, b, c or f shall be considered to fail the evaluation.

**TABLE 1301.6.17  
SPRINKLER SYSTEM VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES					
	a <sup>a</sup>	b <sup>a</sup>	c	d	e	f
A-1, A-3, F, M, R, S-1	-6	-3	0	2	4	6
A-2	-4	-2	0	1	2	4
A-4, B, E, S-2	-12	-6	0	3	6	12
I-2	NP	NP	NP	8	10	NP

NP = Not Permitted.

a. These options cannot be taken if Category a in Section 1301.6.18 is used.

**1301.6.17.1 Categories.** The categories for automatic sprinkler system protection are:

1. Category a—An approved automatic sprinkler system is required throughout; an approved automatic sprinkler system is not provided.
2. Category b—An approved automatic sprinkler system is required in a portion of a building; an approved automatic sprinkler system is not provided; the sprinkler system design is not adequate for the hazard protected in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—An approved automatic sprinkler system is not required; none are provided.
4. Category d—An approved automatic sprinkler system is required in a portion of a building; an approved automatic sprinkler system is provided in a portion of a building in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*.
5. Category e—An approved automatic sprinkler system is required throughout; an approved auto-

matic sprinkler system is provided throughout in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*.

6. Category f—An approved automatic sprinkler system is not required throughout; an approved automatic sprinkler system is provided throughout in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.6.18 Standpipes.** Evaluate the ability to initiate attack on a fire by making a supply of water readily available through the installation of standpipes in accordance with Section 905 of the *International Building Code*. “Required Standpipes” shall be based on the requirements of the *International Building Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.18, determine the appropriate value and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.18, Standpipes, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.18  
STANDPIPE SYSTEM VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES			
	a <sup>a</sup>	b	c	d
A-1, A-3, F, M, R, S-1	-6	0	4	6
A-2	-4	0	2	4
A-4, B, E, S-2	-12	0	6	12
I-2	-2	0	1	2

a. This option cannot be taken if Category a or Category b in Section 1301.6.17 is used.

**1301.6.18.1 Standpipe categories.** The categories for standpipe systems are:

1. Category a—Standpipes are required; standpipe is not provided or the standpipe system design is not in compliance with Section 905.3 of the *International Building Code*.
2. Category b—Standpipes are not required; none are provided.
3. Category c—Standpipes are required; standpipes are provided in accordance with Section 905 of the *International Building Code*.
4. Category d—Standpipes are not required; standpipes are provided in accordance with Section 905 of the *International Building Code*.

**1301.6.19 Incidental uses.** Evaluate the protection of incidental uses in accordance with Section 509.4.2 of the *International Building Code*. Do not include those where this code requires automatic sprinkler systems throughout the building including covered and open mall buildings, high-rise buildings, public garages and unlimited area buildings. Assign the lowest score from Table 1301.6.19 for the building or floor area being evaluated and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.19, Incidental Uses, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. If there are no specific occupancy areas in the building or floor area being evaluated, the value shall be zero.

**TABLE 1301.6.19  
INCIDENTAL USE AREA VALUES**

PROTECTION REQUIRED BY TABLE 509.1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE	PROTECTION PROVIDED						
	None	1 hour	AS	AS with CRS	1 hour and AS	2 hours	2 hours and AS
2 hours and AS	-4	-3	-2	-2	-1	-2	0
2 hours, or 1 hour and AS	-3	-2	-1	-1	0	0	0
1 hour and AS	-3	-2	-1	-1	0	-1	0
1 hour	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
1 hour, or AS with CRS	-1	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
AS with CRS	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-1	0
1 hour or AS	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0

AS = Automatic Sprinkler System.

CRS = Construction capable of resisting the passage of smoke (see Section 509.4.2 of the *International Building Code*).

**1301.6.20 Smoke compartmentation.** Evaluate the smoke compartments for compliance with Section 407.5 of the *International Building Code*. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.20, determine the appropriate smoke compartmentation value (SCV) and enter that value into Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.20, Smoke Compartmentation, for fire safety, means of egress and general safety. Facilities in Group I-2 occupancies meeting Category b or c shall be considered to fail the evaluation.

**TABLE 1301.6.20  
SMOKE COMPARTMENTATION VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES <sup>a</sup>		
	a	b	c
A, B, E, F, M, R and S	0	0	0
I-2	0	-10	NP

NP = Not Permitted.

a. For areas between categories, the smoke compartmentation value shall be obtained by linear interpolation.

**1301.6.20.1 Categories.** Categories for smoke compartment size are:

1. Category a—Smoke compartment complies with Section 407.5 of the *International Building Code*.
2. Category b—Smoke compartment are provided but do not comply with Section 407.5 of the *International Building Code*.
3. Category c—Smoke compartments are not provided.

**1301.6.21 Care recipient ability, concentration, smoke compartment location and ratio to attendant.** In I-2 occupancies, the ability of care recipients, their concentration and ratio to attendants shall be evaluated and applied in accordance with this section. Evaluate each smoke compartment using the categories in Sections 1301.6.21.1, 1301.6.21.2 and 1301.6.21.3 and enter the value in Table 1301.7. To determine the safety factor, multiply the three values together; if the product is less than 6, compliance has failed.

**1301.6.21.1 Care recipient ability for self-preservation.** Evaluate the ability of the care recipients for self-preservation in each smoke compartment in an emergency. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.21.1, determine the appropriate value and enter that value in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.21.1, Care Recipient Ability for Self-preservation, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.21.1  
CARE RECIPIENT ABILITY VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES		
	a	b	c
I-2	3	2	1

**1301.6.21.1.1 Categories.** The categories for care recipient ability for self-preservation are:

1. Category a—(mobile) Care recipients are capable of self-preservation without assistance.
2. Category b—(not mobile) Care recipients rely on assistance for evacuation or relocation.
3. Category c—(not movable) Care recipients cannot be evacuated or relocated.

**1301.6.21.2 Care recipient concentration.** Evaluate the concentration of care recipients in each smoke compartment under Section 1301.6.21.2. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.21.2 determine the appropriate value and enter that value in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.21.2, Care Recipient Concentration, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.21.2  
CARE RECIPIENT CONCENTRATION VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES		
	a	b	c
I-2	3	2	1

**1301.6.21.2.1 Categories:** The categories for care recipient concentration are:

1. Category a—smoke compartment has 1 to 10 care recipients.
2. Category b—smoke compartment has more than 10 to 40 care recipients.
3. Category c—smoke compartment has more than 40 care recipients.

**1301.6.21.3 Attendant-to-care recipients ratio.** Evaluate the attendant-to-care recipients ratio for each compartment under Section 1301.6.21.3. Under the categories and occupancies in Table 1301.6.21.3 determine the appropriate value and enter that value in Table 1301.7 under Safety Parameter 1301.6.21.3, Attendant-to-Care Recipients Ratio, for means of egress and general safety.

**TABLE 1301.6.21.3  
ATTENDANT-TO-CARE RECIPIENTS RATIO VALUES**

OCCUPANCY	CATEGORIES		
	a	b	c
I-2	3	2	1

**1301.6.21.3.1 Categories.** The categories for attendant-to-care recipient concentrations are:

1. Category a—attendant-to-care recipients concentration is 1:5 or no care recipients.
2. Category b—attendant-to-care recipients concentration is 1:6 to 1:10.
3. Category c—attendant-to-care recipients concentration is greater than 1:10.

**1301.7 Building score.** After determining the appropriate data from Section 1301.6, enter those data in Table 1301.7 and total the building score.

**1301.8 Safety scores.** The values in Table 1301.8 are the required mandatory safety scores for the evaluation process listed in Section 1301.6.

**TABLE 1301.8  
MANDATORY SAFETY SCORES<sup>a</sup>**

OCCUPANCY	FIRE SAFETY(MFS)	MEANS OF EGRESS (MME)	GENERAL SAFETY (MGS)
A-1	20	31	31
A-2	21	32	32
A-3	22	33	33
A-4, E	29	40	40
B	30	40	40
F	24	34	34
I-2	19	34	34
M	23	40	40
R	21	38	38
S-1	19	29	29
S-2	29	39	39

a. MFS = Mandatory Fire Safety.

MME = Mandatory Means of Egress.

MGS = Mandatory General Safety.

**1301.9 Evaluation of building safety.** The mandatory safety score in Table 1301.8 shall be subtracted from the building score in Table 1301.7 for each category in accordance with the evaluation formulas in Table 1301.9. Where the final score for any category equals zero or more, the building is in compliance with the requirements of this section for that category. Where the final score for any category is less than zero, the building is not in compliance with the requirements of this section.

**1301.9.1 Mixed occupancies.** For mixed occupancies, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Where the separation between mixed occupancies does not qualify for any category indicated in Section 1301.6.16, the mandatory safety scores for the occupancy with the lowest general safety score in Table 1301.8 shall be utilized (see Section 1301.6).
2. Where the separation between mixed occupancies qualifies for any category indicated in Section 1301.6.16, the mandatory safety scores for each occupancy shall be placed against the evaluation scores for the appropriate occupancy. An evaluation is not required for areas of the building with separated occupancies in accordance with Table 508.4 of the *International Building Code* in which there are no alterations or change of occupancy.

**TABLE 1301.7  
SUMMARY SHEET—BUILDING CODE**

Existing occupancy: _____		Proposed occupancy: _____	
Year building was constructed: _____		Number of stories: _____ Height in feet: _____	
Type of construction: _____		Area per floor: _____	
Percentage of open perimeter increase: _____ %			
Completely suppressed:	Yes _____ No _____	Corridor wall rating: _____	
		Type: _____	
Compartmentation:	Yes _____ No _____	Required door closers:	Yes _____ No _____
Fire-resistance rating of vertical opening enclosures: _____			
Type of HVAC system: _____, serving number of floors: _____			
Automatic fire detection:	Yes _____ No _____	Type and location: _____	
Fire alarm system:	Yes _____ No _____	Type: _____	
Smoke control:	Yes _____ No _____	Type: _____	
Adequate exit routes:	Yes _____ No _____	Dead ends: _____	Yes _____ No _____
Maximum exit access travel distance: _____		Elevator controls:	Yes _____ No _____
Means of egress emergency lighting:	Yes _____ No _____	Mixed occupancies:	Yes _____ No _____
Standpipes:	Yes _____ No _____	Care recipients ability for self-preservation: _____	
Incidental use:	Yes _____ No _____	Care recipients concentration: _____	
Smoke compartmentation less than 22,500 sq. feet (2092 m <sup>2</sup> ):	Yes _____ No _____	Attendant-to-care recipients ratio: _____	
<b>SAFETY PARAMETERS</b>	<b>FIRE SAFETY (FS)</b>	<b>MEANS OF EGRESS (ME)</b>	<b>GENERAL SAFETY (GS)</b>
1301.6.1 Building height			
1301.6.2 Building area			
1301.6.3 Compartmentation			
1301.6.4 Tenant and dwelling unit separations			
1301.6.5 Corridor walls			
1301.6.6 Vertical openings			
1301.6.7 HVAC systems			
1301.6.8 Automatic fire detection			
1301.6.9 Fire alarm system			
1301.6.10 Smoke control	* * * *		
1301.6.11 Means of egress	* * * *		
1301.6.12 Dead ends	* * * *		
1301.6.13 Maximum exit access travel distance	* * * *		
1301.6.14 Elevator control			
1301.6.15 Means of egress emergency lighting	* * * *		
1301.6.16 Mixed occupancies		* * * *	
1301.6.17 Automatic sprinklers		÷ 2 =	
1301.6.18 Standpipes			
1301.6.19 Incidental use			
1301.6.20 Smoke compartmentation			
1301.6.21.1 Care recipients ability for self-preservation <sup>a</sup>	* * * *		
1301.6.21.2 Care recipients concentration <sup>a</sup>	* * * *		
1301.6.21.3 Attendant-to-care recipients ratio <sup>a</sup>	* * * *		
<b>Building score—total value</b>			

\* \* \* \*No applicable value to be inserted.

a. Only applicable to Group I-2 occupancies.



**[BS] TABLE A108.1(1)**  
**STRENGTH VALUES FOR EXISTING MATERIALS**

EXISTING MATERIALS OR CONFIGURATION OF MATERIALS <sup>a</sup>		STRENGTH VALUES
		x 14.594 for N/m
Horizontal diaphragms	Roofs with straight sheathing and roofing applied directly to the sheathing.	300 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Roofs with diagonal sheathing and roofing applied directly to the sheathing.	750 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Floors with straight tongue-and-groove sheathing.	300 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Floors with straight sheathing and finished wood flooring with board edges offset or perpendicular.	1,500 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Floors with diagonal sheathing and finished wood flooring.	1,800 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Metal deck welded with minimal welding. <sup>c</sup>	1,800 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Metal deck welded for seismic resistance. <sup>d</sup>	3,000 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
Crosswalls <sup>b</sup>	Plaster on wood or metal lath.	600 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Plaster on gypsum lath.	550 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Gypsum wallboard, unblocked edges.	200 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
	Gypsum wallboard, blocked edges.	400 lbs. per ft. for seismic shear
Existing footing, wood framing, structural steel, reinforcing steel	Plain concrete footings.	$f'_c = 1,500$ psi unless otherwise shown by tests
	Douglas fir wood.	Same as D.F. No. 1
	Reinforcing steel.	$F_y = 40,000$ psi maximum
	Structural steel.	$F_y = 33,000$ psi maximum

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square inch = 645.16 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound = 4.4 N, 1 pound per square inch = 6894.75 N/m<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound per foot = 14.43 N/m.

a. Material must be sound and in good condition.

b. Shear values of these materials may be combined, except the total combined value should not exceed 900 pounds per foot.

c. Minimum 22-gage steel deck with welds to supports satisfying the standards of the Steel Deck Institute.

d. Minimum 22-gage steel deck with <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch diameter plug welds at an average spacing not exceeding 8 inches and with sidelap welds appropriate for the deck span.

**[BS] A108.2 Masonry shear strength.** The unreinforced masonry shear strength,  $v_{mL}$ , shall be determined for each masonry class from one of the following equations:

- When testing is performed in accordance with Section A106.2.3.1, the unreinforced masonry shear strength,  $v_m$ , shall be determined by Equation A1-3.

$$v_{mL} = \frac{0.75 \left( 0.75 v_{tL} + \frac{P_D}{A_n} \right)}{1.5} \quad (\text{Equation A1-3})$$

The mortar shear strength values,  $v_{tL}$ , shall be determined in accordance with Section A106.2.3.6.

- When alternate testing is performed in accordance with Section A106.2.3.3, unreinforced masonry shear,  $v_{mL}$ , shall be determined by Equation A1-4.

$$v_{mL} = \frac{0.75 \left( f_{sp} + \frac{P_D}{A_n} \right)}{1.5} \quad (\text{Equation A1-4})$$

**[BS] A108.3 Masonry compression.** Where any increase in wall dead plus live load compression stress occurs, the maximum compression stress in unreinforced masonry,  $Q_c/A_n$ , shall not exceed 300 pounds per square inch (2070 kPa).

**[BS] A108.4 Masonry tension.** Unreinforced masonry shall be assumed to have no tensile capacity.

**[BS] A108.5 Wall tension anchors.** The tension strength of wall anchors shall be the average of the tension test values for anchors having the same wall thickness and framing orientation.

**[BS] A108.6 Foundations.** For existing foundations, new total dead loads are permitted to be increased over the existing dead load by 25 percent. New total dead load plus live load plus seismic forces may be increased over the existing dead load plus live load by 50 percent. Higher values may be justified only in conjunction with a geotechnical investigation.

## SECTION A109 ANALYSIS AND DESIGN PROCEDURE

**[BS] A109.1 General.** The elements of buildings hereby required to be analyzed are specified in Table A102.1.

**[BS] A109.2 Selection of procedure.** Buildings with rigid diaphragms shall be analyzed by the general procedure of Section A110. Buildings with flexible diaphragms shall be analyzed by the general procedure or, where applicable, are permitted to be analyzed by the special procedure of Section A111.

**[BS] TABLE A108.1(2)**  
**STRENGTH VALUES OF NEW MATERIALS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXISTING CONSTRUCTION**

NEW MATERIALS OR CONFIGURATION OF MATERIALS		STRENGTH VALUES
Horizontal diaphragms	Plywood sheathing applied directly over existing straight sheathing with ends of plywood sheets bearing on joists or rafters and edges of plywood located on center of individual sheathing boards.	675 lbs. per ft.
Crosswalls	Plywood sheathing applied directly over wood studs; no value should be given to plywood applied over existing plaster or wood sheathing.	1.2 times the value specified in the current building code.
	Drywall or plaster applied directly over wood studs.	The value specified in the current building code.
	Drywall or plaster applied to sheathing over existing wood studs.	50 percent of the value specified in the current building code.
Tension anchors <sup>f</sup>	Anchors extending entirely through unreinforced masonry wall secured with bearing plates on far side of a wall 30 square inches of area. <sup>b, c</sup>	5,400 lbs. per anchor for three-wythe minimum walls. 2,700 lbs. for two-wythe walls.
Shear bolts <sup>a, f</sup>	Anchors embedded not less than 8 inches into unreinforced masonry walls; anchors should be centered in 2 1/2-inch-diameter holes with dry-pack or nonshrink grout around the circumference of the anchor.	The value for plain masonry specified for solid masonry TMS 402; and no value larger than those given for 3/4-inch bolts should be used.
Combined tension and shear anchors <sup>f</sup>	Through-anchors—anchors meeting the requirements for shear and for tension anchors. <sup>b, c</sup>	Tension—same as for tension anchors. Shear—same as for shear anchors.
	Embedded anchors—anchors extending to the exterior face of the wall with a 2 1/2-inch round plate under the head and drilled at an angle of 22 1/2 degrees to the horizontal; installed as specified for shear anchors. <sup>a, b, c</sup>	Tension—3,600 lbs. per anchor. Shear—same as for shear anchors.
Infilled walls	Reinforced masonry infilled openings in existing unreinforced masonry walls; provide keys or dowels to match reinforcing.	Same as values specified for unreinforced masonry walls.
Reinforced masonry <sup>d</sup>	Masonry piers and walls reinforced per the current building code.	The value specified in the current building code for strength design.
Reinforced concrete <sup>d</sup>	Concrete footings, walls and piers reinforced as specified in the current building code.	The value specified in the current building code for strength design.

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 square inch = 645.16 mm<sup>2</sup>, 1 pound = 4.4 N, 1 degree = 0.017 rad, 1 pound per foot = 14.43 N/m, 1 foot = 304.8 mm.

a. Embedded anchors to be tested as specified in Section A107.4.

b. Anchors shall be 1/2 inch minimum in diameter.

c. Drilling for anchors shall be done with an electric rotary drill; impact tools should not be used for drilling holes or tightening anchors and shear bolt nuts.

d. Load factors or capacity reduction factors shall not be used.

e. Other bolt sizes, values and installation methods may be used, provided that a testing program is conducted in accordance with Section A107.5.3. The strength value shall be determined by multiplying the calculated allowable value, determined in accordance with Section A107.5.3, by 3.0, and the usable value shall be limited to not greater than 1.5 times the value given in the table. Bolt spacing shall not exceed 6 feet on center and shall be not less than 12 inches on center.

f. An alternative adhesive anchor bolt system is permitted to be used providing: its properties and installation conform to an ICC Evaluation Service Report; and the report states that the system's use is in unreinforced masonry as an acceptable alternative to Sections A107.4 and A113.1 or TMS 402, Section 2.1.4. The report's allowable values shall be multiplied by a factor of three to obtain strength values and the strength reduction factor,  $\Phi$ , shall be taken equal to 1.0.

## SECTION A110 GENERAL PROCEDURE

**[BS] A110.1 Minimum design lateral forces.** Buildings shall be analyzed to resist minimum lateral forces assumed to act nonconcurrently in the direction of each of the main axes of the structure in accordance with the following:

$$V = \frac{0.75S_{DS}W}{R} \quad \text{(Equation A1-5)}$$

**[BS] A110.2 Seismic forces on elements of structures.** Parts and portions of a structure not covered in Section A110.3 shall be analyzed and designed per the current building code, using force levels defined in Section A110.1.

### Exceptions:

1. Unreinforced masonry walls for which height-to-thickness ratios do not exceed ratios set forth in Table A110.2 need not be analyzed for out-of-plane loading. Unreinforced masonry walls that exceed the allowable  $h/t$  ratios of Table A110.2 shall be braced according to Section A113.5.
2. Parapets complying with Section A113.6 need not be analyzed for out-of-plane loading.
3. Where walls are to be anchored to flexible floor and roof diaphragms, the anchorage shall be in accordance with Section A113.1.

# HISTORY NOTE APPENDIX

## 2022 California Existing Building Code California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 10

### HISTORY:

For prior code history, see the History Note Appendix to the *California Existing Building Code*, 2019 Triennial Edition, effective January 1, 2020.

1. (BSC 09/21, DSA-SS 06/21, HCD 07/21, OSHPD 05/21, SFM 07/21)—Adoption by reference of the 2021 *International Existing Building Code* with necessary amendments to become the 2022 *California Existing Building Code*, and repeal of the 2018 edition of the *International Existing Building Code*; effective on January 1, 2023.
2. 2022 Intervening Code Update (BSC 03/22, DSA-SS/CC 04/22, OSHPD 07/22, SFM 08/22)—Adoption of amendments to the 2022 *California Existing Building Code*; effective on July 1, 2024.



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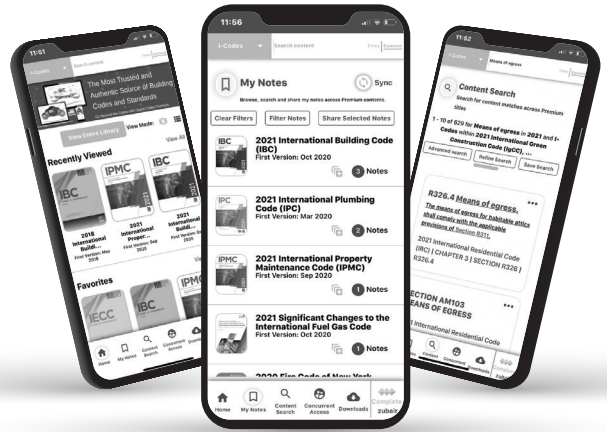


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