



Tentative Interim Amendment

# NFPA 101

## Life Safety Code®

2003 Edition

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA Regulations Governing Committee Projects, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 101® *Life Safety Code*®, 2003 edition. The TIA was processed by the Safety to Life Committee, and was issued by the Standards Council on July 29, 2005, with an effective date of August 18, 2005.

A Tentative Interim Amendment is tentative because it has not been processed through the entire standards-making procedures. It is interim because it is effective only between editions of the standard. A TIA automatically becomes a proposal of the proponent for the next edition of the standard; as such, it then is subject to all of the procedures of the standards-making process.

*Revise text as follows:*

### **31.3.4 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.**

#### **31.3.4.1 General.**

**31.3.4.1.1** Apartment buildings with more than three stories or with more than 11 dwelling units, other than those meeting 31.3.4.1.2 or 31.3.4.1.3, shall be provided with a fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.6, except as modified by 31.3.4.2 through 31.3.4.5.2.

**31.3.4.1.2** A fire alarm system shall not be required where each dwelling unit is separated from other contiguous dwelling units by fire barriers (see Section 8.3) having a fire resistance rating of not less than ½ hour, and where each dwelling unit has either its own independent exit or its own independent stairway or ramp discharging at grade.

**31.3.4.1.3** A fire alarm system shall not be required in buildings that are protected throughout by an approved, automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 31.3.5.3 with listed quick-response or listed residential sprinklers installed throughout all dwelling units, that do not exceed four stories in height, and that contain not more than 16 dwelling units.