



Tentative Interim Amendment

**NFPA 101<sup>®</sup>**  
**Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup>**  
**2009 Edition**

**Reference: 10.2**

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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<sup>®</sup>, *Life Safety Code<sup>®</sup>*, 2009 edition. The TIA was processed by the Safety to Life Committee, and was issued by the Standards Council on March 4, 2009, with an effective date of March 24, 2009.

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.

*1. Revise portions of Section 10.2 to address existing installations of interior finish as follows:*

**10.2\* Interior Finish.**

**10.2.1\* General.**

**10.2.1.1** Classification of interior finish materials shall be in accordance with tests made under conditions simulating actual installations, provided that the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to establish the classification of any material on which a rating by standard test is not available, unless otherwise provided in 10.2.1.2 or 10.2.1.3.

**10.2.1.2** Materials applied directly to the surface of walls and ceilings in a total thickness of less than 1/28 in. (0.9 mm) shall not be considered interior finish and shall be exempt from tests simulating actual installation if they meet the requirements of Class A interior wall or ceiling finish when tested in accordance with 10.2.3 using fiber cement board as the substrate material.

**10.2.1.3** Approved existing installations of materials applied directly to the surface of walls and ceilings in a total thickness of less than 1/28 in. (0.9 mm) shall be permitted to remain in use and the provisions of 10.2.2 through 10.2.3.7.2 shall not apply.

**10.2.1.34\*** Fixed or movable walls and partitions, paneling, wall pads, and crash pads applied structurally or for decoration, acoustical correction, surface insulation, or other purposes shall be considered interior finish and shall not be considered decorations or furnishings.

*2. Renumber A.10.2.1.3 as A.10.2.1.4.*

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