

HITF INTERPRETATION

JUNE 2011 NO. 1

Document to be interpreted: NFPA 101, 19.2.6.2.4

Edition: 2000

Subject: Exit Access from Suites

Question 1:

Is it the intent of 101, 2000 Edition, Section 19.2.5.1 to require every sleeping suite to have access to an “exit access corridor”?

Answer 1: YES

Question 2:

Can the second exit access be directly to an exit stair, an exit passageway, horizontal exit, or exit door directly to the outside?

Answer 2: YES

Based on the proposed changes and clarifications to the 2012 edition of the Code these other means of components are considered to be acceptable.

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Document to be interpreted: NFPA 101

Edition: 2000 and 2009

Subject: Door Locking

Question:

Under 18/19.2.2.2.2(1), is it permitted to install a lock on a patient room door that can be locked by a patient in the room, to restrict unauthorized entry into the room, provided that the door can readily be opened from the patient side, and provided that staff can readily unlock the door at all times?

Answer: YES

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Document to be interpreted: NFPA 101 18/19.3.2.7 (6) (2000 Edition TIA 00-1 (101)) 18/19.3.2.6 (6) (2006)

Edition: 2000 and 2006

Subject: Alcohol Based Hand Rub Dispensers

Question:

Concerning placement of Alcohol-Based Hand Rub dispensers, the 2000 Life Safety Code TIA 00-1 and the 2006 Life Safety Code mandated that dispensers not be “adjacent” to an ignition source. Is it acceptable to define “adjacent” based on the criteria contained in the 2009 edition of NFPA 101?

Answer: YES.

The intent of the application of this rule is to be consistent with the explanation in the 2009 edition of the Code. Namely that Sections 18/19.3.2.6 (7) shown below are applied.

NFPA 101, 2009: 18/19.3.2.6. (7) Dispensers shall not be installed in the following locations:

- (a) Above an ignition source for a horizontal distance of 1 in (25 mm) to each side of the ignition source.
- (b) To the side of an ignition source within a 1 in. (25 mm) horizontal distance from the ignition source.
- (c) Beneath an ignition source within a 1 in. (25 mm) vertical distance from the ignition source.

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Document to be interpreted: NFPA 25 - TJC Standard EC.02.03.05 EP # 12

Edition: NFPA 25 (1998) - TJC Standard 2011 - Sections 3-3.1.1

Subject: Standpipe System Flow Tests

Question 1:

Is it the intent of NFPA 25 (1998) Section 3-3.1.1 to require the 5 year flow test only for automatic standpipe systems?

Answer 1: NO.

The 5 year test applies to automatic and manual standpipe systems.

Question 2:

Is it the intent of The Joint Commission Standard EC.02.03.05 EP# 12 to ask for the 5 year flow test in accordance with NFPA 25 for only automatic standpipe systems?

Answer 2: NO.

The 5 year test applies to automatic and manual standpipe systems.

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