

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-01-10

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RE: I-1-10

The following is offered in response to your letter fax in which you seek a formal interpretation. The question would apply to Section 1013.2.2, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code. An enclosed sketch relating to the project in question has been forwarded.

Scenario:

"1013.2.2 Group I-2. Habitable rooms or suites in Group I-2 occupancies shall have an exit access door leading directly to an exit access corridor.

In the attached sketch, the floor plan is divided in two separated occupancies, I-2 and B. there are two egress access doors from the patient sleeping area (I-2 occupancy). One egress access doors leads directly to an exit stair. The other egress access door leads to a corridor in B occupancy that leads to two additional exits, one exit stair and one egress access door. The building is equipped throughout with automatic sprinkler system in accordance with 903.3.1.1 and the construction type is 1B."

Question #1:

"Is the intent of this section that habitable rooms in and I-2 occupancy exit directly to an exit access corridor in the same I-2 occupancy, or could the exit access corridor be in B occupancy?"

Answer #1:

Section 1013.2.2, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code would permit an I-2 occupancy to exit directly to an exit access corridor in the same I-2 occupancy and also the exit access corridor of a B occupancy could be used. Keep in mind this would be permitted as long as all of the exiting requirements of the I-2 occupancy is provided for in the B occupancy corridor. Requirements such as the corridor width I-2 requirements of ninety-six inches would be required for the exit access corridor of the B occupancy being utilized. The corridor, for an I-2 occupancy, is used for moving patients confined to bed along with exit door clear width requirements for moving the occupants to the exit are applicable.

Question #2:

"Does the building code allow a second egress from I-2 occupancy through an exit access corridor in B occupancy?"

Answer #2:

See answer to question #1 above.