

**CTC COMMITTEE  
CARE STUDY GROUP  
APPROVED CODE CHANGE DRAFTS  
11/6/2012**

There are 4 code change proposals from CTC Care study group.

**New Code Changes not previously reviewed by the CTC**

Code	Section	Comments
IFC	904.12	UL300A – coord with G65 and M76
IFC	408.5.6, 408.10.6	Fire and safety evacuation drills

***Code changes previously reviewed by the CTC with revisions since the CTC initial review.***

Code	Section	Comments
IFC	405.2	I-1 and R-4 evacuation drills
IFC	805.1	Remove old term for Group I-1 Condition 2
IFC	807.1	Decorative materials

**New Code Changes not previously reviewed by the CTC**

**Fxx-12/13**

**904.12 (New)**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**Revise as follows:**

**IFC 904.12 (IBC [F] 904.12) Domestic cooking system in Group I-2 Condition 1.** In Group I-2 Condition 1 occupancies where cooking facilities are installed in accordance with Section 407.2.5 of the *International Building Code*, the domestic cooking hood provided over the cooktop or range shall be equipped with an automatic fire-extinguishing system of a type recognized for protection of domestic cooking equipment. Pre-engineered automatic extinguishing systems shall be tested in accordance with UL 300A and listed and labeled for the intended application. The system shall be installed in accordance with this code, its listing and the manufacturer's instructions.

**IFC 904.12.1 (IBC [F] 904.12.1 Manual system operation and interconnection.** A manual actuation device for the hood suppression system shall be installed in accordance with Section 904.11.1 and 904.11.2

**IFC 904.12.2 (IBC [F] 904.12.2 Portable fire extinguishers for domestic cooking equipment in Group I-2 Condition 1.** A portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 shall be installed within 30 feet (9144 mm) travel distance of domestic cooking appliances.

**IFC 906.1 (IBC [F] 906.1) Where required.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be installed in the following locations.

1. In new and existing Group A, B, E, F, H, I, M, R-1, R-2, R-4 and S occupancies.  
**Exception:** In Group R-2 occupancies, portable fire extinguishers shall be required only in locations specified in Items 2 through 6 where each *dwelling unit* is provided with a portable fire extinguisher having a minimum rating of 1-A:10-B:C.
2. Within 30 feet (9144 mm) of commercial cooking equipment.
3. In areas where flammable or *combustible liquids* are stored, used or dispensed.
4. On each floor of structures under construction, except Group R-3 occupancies, in accordance with Section 3315.1.
5. Where required by the sections indicated in Table 906.1.
6. Special-hazard areas, including but not limited to laboratories, computer rooms and generator rooms, where required by the *fire code official*.

**TABLE 906.1  
 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<u>IBC 407.2.5</u>	<u>Domestic cooking hoods in Group I-2 Condition 1 occupancies</u>

*(No change to remainder of table not shown)*

Chapter 80

UL 300A Outline of Investigation for Extinguishing System Units for Residential Range Top Cooking Surfaces

**Reason:** Insert standard CTC paragraph

M76 clarified requirements for domestic appliance located in facilities such as nursing homes and assisted living where they are only used for domestic (not commercial) cooking. G65 requires a range hood with a UL300A protection system in a Group I-2 Condition 1 (nursing home). The purpose of this change is for the standard to be required in the Fire Code. The requirements follow what passed in G65 in Items 6, 7 and 9.

**Cost Impact:** None

**Contact:** CTC Care Committee – Kim Paarlberg Secretariat

**For reference –**

**G65-12 AMPC**

IBC 407.2.5 Cooking facilities. In Group I-2 nursing homes, rooms or spaces that contain domestic cooking facilities shall be permitted to be open to the corridor where the number of sleeping units within the smoke compartment is limited to 30 residents and all of the following requirements are met:

1. Only one area with domestic cooking facilities is permitted within a smoke compartment.
2. The types of cooking appliances are limited to ovens, cooktops, ranges, warmers and microwaves.

3. The corridor is a clearly identified space delineated by construction or floor pattern, material or color.
4. The space containing domestic cooking facilities shall be arranged so as not to obstruct access to the required exit.
5. A domestic cooking hood installed and constructed in accordance with Section 505 of the International Mechanical Code is provided over cooktops and ranges.
6. The domestic cooking hood provided over the cooktop or range shall be equipped with an automatic fire-extinguishing system of a type recognized for protection of domestic cooking equipment. Pre-engineered automatic extinguishing systems shall be tested in accordance with UL 300A and listed and labeled for the intended application. The system shall be installed in accordance with this code, its listing and the manufacturer's instructions.
7. A manual actuation device for the hood suppression system shall be installed in accordance with Section 904.11.1 and 904.11.2 of the International Fire Code.
8. A shutdown for the fuel and electrical power supply to the cooking equipment shall be provided and shall be accessible only to staff.
9. A portable fire extinguisher shall be installed within 30 feet (9144 mm) of domestic cooking appliances complying with Section 906.

## M76-12 AS

### IMC SECTION 505 DOMESTIC KITCHEN EXHAUST EQUIPMENT

**IMC 505.1 Domestic systems.** Where domestic range hoods and domestic appliances equipped with downdraft exhaust are located within dwelling units provided, such hoods and appliances shall discharge to the outdoors through sheet metal ducts constructed of galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum or copper. Such ducts shall have smooth inner walls, shall be air tight, shall be equipped with a backdraft damper, and shall be independent of all other exhaust systems.

**Exceptions:**

1. In other than Group I-1 and I-2, where installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and where mechanical or *natural ventilation* is otherwise provided in accordance with Chapter 4, *listed* and *labeled* ductless range hoods shall not be required to discharge to the outdoors.
2. Ducts for domestic kitchen cooking appliances equipped with downdraft exhaust systems shall be permitted to be constructed of Schedule 40 PVC pipe and fittings provided that the installation complies with all of the following:
  - 2.1. The duct shall be installed under a concrete slab poured on grade.
  - 2.2. The under floor trench in which the duct is installed shall be completely backfilled with sand or gravel.
  - 2.3. The PVC duct shall extend not more than 1 inch (25 mm) above the indoor concrete floor surface.
  - 2.4. The PVC duct shall extend not more than 1 inch (25 mm) above grade outside of the building.
  - 2.5. The PVC ducts shall be solvent cemented.

**IMC 505.2 Makeup air required.** Exhaust hood systems capable of exhausting in excess of 400 cfm (0.19 m<sup>3</sup>/s) shall be provided with *makeup air* at a rate approximately equal to the *exhaust air* rate. Such *makeup air* systems shall be equipped with a means of closure and shall be automatically controlled to start and operate simultaneously with the exhaust system.

**IMC 505.3 Other than Group R.** In other than Group R occupancies, where domestic cooking appliances are utilized for domestic purposes, such appliances shall be provided with domestic range hoods. Hoods and exhaust systems shall be in accordance with Sections 505.1 and 505.2.

## **IMC SECTION 507 COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HOODS**

**IMC 507.2.3 Domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes.** Domestic cooking appliances utilized for commercial purposes shall be provided with Type I or Type II hoods as required for the type of appliances and processes in accordance with Sections 507.2, 507.2.1 and 507.2.2. Domestic cooking appliances utilized for domestic purposes shall comply with Section 505.

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### **Fxx-12/13**

**408.5.6 (New), 410.5.6(New)**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**Add new text as follows:**

### **Fxx-12/13**

**408.5.1.1 (New), 408.5.1.2(New), 408.5.6 (New), 410.5.6(New)**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**Add new text as follows:**

**404.3.2 Fire safety plans.** Fire safety plans shall include the following:

1. The procedure for reporting a fire or other emergency.
2. The life safety strategy and procedures for notifying, relocating or evacuating occupants, including occupants who need assistance.
3. Site plans indicating the following:
  - 3.1. The occupancy assembly point.
  - 3.2. The locations of fire hydrants.
  - 3.3. The normal routes of fire department vehicle access.
4. Floor plans identifying the locations of the following:
  - 4.1. Exits.
  - 4.2. Primary evacuation routes.
  - 4.3. Secondary evacuation routes.
  - 4.4. Accessible egress routes.
  - 4.5. Areas of refuge.
  - 4.6 Refuge area
  - 4.7 4.6. Exterior areas for assisted rescue.
  - 4.8 4.7. Manual fire alarm boxes.
  - 4.9 4.8. Portable fire extinguishers.
  - 4.10 4.9. Occupant-use hose stations.
  - 4.11 4.10. Fire alarm annunciators and controls.

5. A list of major fire hazards associated with the normal use and occupancy of the premises, including maintenance and housekeeping procedures.
6. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance of systems and equipment installed to prevent or control fires.
7. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance, housekeeping and controlling fuel hazard sources.

**IFC 408.5 Group I-1 occupancies.** Group I-1 occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.5.1 through 408.5.5 and Sections 401 through 406.

**IFC 408.5.1 Fire safety and evacuation plan.** The fire safety and evacuation plan required by Section 404 shall include special staff actions including fire protection procedures necessary for residents and shall be amended or revised upon admission of any resident with unusual needs.

**IFC 408.5.1.1 Fire evacuation plan.** The fire evacuation plan required by Section 404 shall include a description of special staff actions. Plans shall include the following in addition to the requirements of Section 404.

1. In Group I-1 Condition 2 occupancies, procedures for evacuation through a refuge area in an adjacent smoke compartment and then to an exterior assembly point.

**IFC 408.5.1.2 Fire safety plans.** A copy of the plan shall be maintained at the facility at all times. Plans shall include the following in addition to the requirements of Section 404:

1. Location and number of any residents sleeping rooms.
2. Location of any special locking or egress control arrangements.

**IFC 408.5.2 Staff training.** Employees shall be periodically instructed and kept informed of their duties and responsibilities under the plan. Such instruction shall be reviewed by the staff at least every two months. A copy of the plan shall be readily available at all times within the facility.

**IFC 408.5.3 Resident training.** Residents capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained in the proper actions to take in the event of a fire. In Group I-1 Condition 2 occupancies training shall include evacuation through an adjacent smoke compartment and then to an exterior assembly point. The training shall include actions to take if the primary escape route is blocked. Where the resident is given rehabilitation or habilitation training, training in fire prevention and actions to take in the event of a fire shall be a part of the rehabilitation training program. Residents shall be trained to assist each other in case of fire to the extent their physical and mental abilities permit them to do so without additional personal risk.

**IFC 408.5.4 Drill frequency.** Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least six times per year, two times per year on each shift. Twelve drills shall be conducted in the first year of operation. Drills are not required to comply with the time requirements of Section 405.4.

**IFC 408.5.5 Resident participation.** Emergency evacuation drills shall involve the actual evacuation of residents to a selected assembly point and shall provide residents with experience in exiting through all required exits. All required exits shall be used during emergency evacuation drills.

**IFC 408.5.6 Emergency evacuation drill deferral.** In severe climates, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to modify the emergency evacuation drill frequency specified in Section 405.2.

**IFC 408.10 Group R-4 occupancies.** Group R-4 occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.10.1 through 408.10.5 and Sections 401 through 406.

**IFC 408.10.5 Resident participation.** Emergency evacuation drills shall involve the actual evacuation of residents to a selected assembly point and shall provide residents with experience in exiting through all required exits. All required exits shall be used during emergency evacuation drills.

**Exception:** Actual exiting from windows shall not be required. Opening the window and signaling for help shall be an acceptable alternative.

**IFC 408.10.1 Fire safety and evacuation plan.** The fire safety and evacuation plan required by Section 404 shall include special staff actions, including fire protection procedures necessary for residents, and shall be amended or revised upon admission of a resident with unusual needs.

**IFC 408.10.1.1 Fire safety plans.** A copy of the plan shall be maintained at the facility at all times. Plans shall include the following in addition to the requirements of Section 404:

1. Location and number of any residents sleeping rooms.
2. Location of any special locking or egress control arrangements.

**IFC 408.10.2 Staff training.** Employees shall be periodically instructed and kept informed of their duties and responsibilities under the plan. Such instruction shall be reviewed by the staff at least every two months. A copy of the plan shall be readily available at all times within the facility.

**IFC 408.10.3 Resident training.** Residents capable of assisting in their own evacuation shall be trained in the proper actions to take in the event of a fire. The training shall include actions to take if the primary escape route is blocked. Where the resident is given rehabilitation or habilitation training, training in fire prevention and actions to take in the event of a fire shall be a part of the rehabilitation training program. Residents shall be trained to assist each other in case of fire to the extent their physical and mental abilities permit them to do so without additional personal risk.

**408.10.4 Drill frequency.** Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least six times per year, two times per year on each shift. Twelve drills shall be conducted in the first year of operation. Drills are not required to comply with the time requirements of Section 405.4.

**IFC 408.10.6 Emergency evacuation drill deferral.** In severe climates, the *fire code official* shall have the authority to modify the emergency evacuation drill frequency specified in Section 405.2.

Reason: **Insert standard CTC paragraph**

**See Section 404.3.2 Item 3.1 for Assembly Point**

The intent of this proposal is to clarify the requirements for Group I-1 and R-4 assembly points. It is also to clarify the implementation of smoke compartments in the new Group I-1 Condition 2 as was approved for the 2015 IBC in the G 31-12.

The proposed change clarifies that Group I-1 Condition 2 smoke compartment refuge areas can be used as a temporary refuge area during evacuation prior to complete building evacuation to an outdoor assembly point.

These changes are stand alone but have been coordinated with the Ad Hoc committee proposed IFC changes for Group I-2 so as not to conflict with those proposed changes. These changes are stand alone but have also been coordinated with the separate CTC proposed IFC changes for the Table 405.2 for evacuation drills, the Group I-1 Condition 2 evacuation plans and safety plans proposed changes, and severe climate emergency evacuation drill deferrals proposed for both Groups I-1 and R-4.

**Cost Impact:** None

**Contact:** CTC Care Committee – Kim Paarlberg Secretariat

***Code changes previously reviewed by the CTC with revisions since the CTC initial review.***

## **Fxx-12/13**

**Table 405.2, 408.3.2, 408.5.1.1(new), 408.5.1.2(new), 408.5.4, 408.5.5, 408.10.4**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**Revise as follows:**

### **SECTION 405 EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS**

**405.2 Frequency.** Required emergency evacuation drills shall be held at the intervals specified in Table 405.2 or more frequently where necessary to familiarize all occupants with the drill procedure.

**TABLE 405.2  
FIRE AND EVACUATION DRILL  
FREQUENCY AND PARTICIPATION**

<b>GROUP OR OCCUPANCY</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>PARTICIPATION</b>
Group A	Quarterly	Employees
Group B <sup>e a</sup>	Annually	Employees
Group E	Monthly <sup>a</sup>	All occupants
Group F	Annually	Employees
Group I	<del>Quarterly on each shift</del>	Employees <sup>b</sup>
Group I -1	Twice on each shift per year	All occupants

Group I -2	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Group I -3	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Group I -4	Monthly	All occupants
Group R-1	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Group R-2 <sup>a,b</sup>	Four annually	All occupants
Group R-4	<del>Quarterly on each shift</del> <u>Twice on each shift per year</u>	<del>Employees</del> <u>All occupants</u>
High-rise buildings	Annually	Employees

- ~~a. The frequency shall be allowed to be modified in accordance with Section 408.3.2.~~
- ~~b. Fire and evacuation drills in residential care assisted living facilities shall include complete evacuation of the premises in accordance with Section 408.10.5. Where occupants receive habilitation or rehabilitation training, fire prevention and fire safety practices shall be included as part of the training program.~~
- ~~a.e.~~ Group B buildings having an occupant load of 500 or more persons or more than 100 persons above or below the lowest level of exit discharge.
- ~~b.d.~~ Applicable to Emergency evacuation drills in Group R-2 college and university buildings shall be in accordance with Section 408.3. Other Group R-2 occupancies shall be in accordance with Section 408.9.

## SECTION 408 USE AND OCCUPANCY-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

**408.1 General.** In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, the provisions of this section are applicable to specific occupancies listed herein.

**408.5 Group I-1 occupancies.** Group I-1 occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.5.1 through 408.5.5 and Sections 401 through 406.

**408.5.4 Drill frequency.** ~~Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least six times per year, two times per year on each shift.~~ In addition to the evacuation drills in required in Section 405.2, employees shall participate in an additional two times a year on each shift. Twelve drills with all occupants shall be conducted in the first year of operation. Drills are not required to comply with the time requirements of Section 405.4.

**408.10 Group R-4 occupancies.** Group R-4 occupancies shall comply with the requirements of Sections 408.10.1 through 408.10.5 and Sections 401 through 406.

**408.10.4 Drill frequency.** ~~Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least six times per year, two times per year on each shift.~~ In addition to the evacuation drills in required in Section 405.2, employees shall participate in an additional two times a year on each shift. Twelve drills with all occupants shall be conducted in the first year of operation. Drills are not required to comply with the time requirements of Section 405.4.

Reason: **Insert standard CTC paragraph**



The intent is to clarify the requirements for Group I-1, I-4 and R-4 fire and safety evacuation drill requirements. Table 405.2 is expanded to indicate clearly when employees and residents/children are required to participate in the drills. Group I-1 and R-4 require resident's participation for 6 drills a year (common practice). The Group I-4 should have drills consistent with Group E facilities.

Footnote a is not needed for Group E only, because this proposal moves the allowance for the fire code official to modify emergency evacuation drills for weather for all groups (i.e., 408.3.2 moved to 408.1.1).

Current footnote b does not make logical sense to reference Group R-4 drill participation for residents for Group I facilities. The requirement has been specifically addressed in the appropriate use group section.

Revisions to current footnote d is a clarification for dorms vs. apartments.

Group I-1, must use the provisions in Section 404 in addition to the concerns specific to Group I-1. In Section 408.5.4, staff is required to have additional practice drills. This will equal what was in the table for staff to do quarterly drills on each shift. Section 408.5.5 resident participation is coordinated with Group R-4 language in Section 408.10.5.

In Section 408.10.4, staff is required to have additional practice drills. This will equal what was in the table for staff to do quarterly drills on each shift.

The Adhoc Health Care committee has proposals to fire and safety evacuation plans and drills for Group I-2 and Ambulatory Care Facilities. This proposal can be accepted independently, but would also work in conjunctions with these proposals.

**Cost Impact:** None

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## **Fxx-12/13**

### **805.1**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**IFC 805.1 Group I-1, ~~board and care facilities~~ assisted living facilities Condition 2.** The requirements in Sections 805.1.1 through 805.1.2 shall apply to assisted living ~~board and care facilities classified in Group I-1~~ Condition 2.

**Reason:** Insert standard CTC paragraph

The term 'board and care facilities' was deleted from the IBC during the last cycle. These provisions are appropriate for Group I-1 Condition 2, assisted living facilities.

**Cost Impact:** None

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## **Fxx-12/13**

### **202, 807.1; (IBC [F] 806.1)**

**Proponent:** Carl Baldassarra, P.E., FSFPE, Chair, ICC Code Technology Committee

**Revise as follows:**

**Coordinate with FCAC**

**[F] DECORATIVE MATERIALS.** All materials applied over the building *interior finish* for decorative, acoustical or other effect (such as including but not limited to curtains, draperies, fabrics, streamers and surface coverings), and all other materials utilized for decorative effect (such as including but not limited to, photographs, paintings, bulletin boards, artwork, posters,

batting, cloth, cotton, hay, stalks, straw, vines, leaves, trees, moss and similar items), including foam plastics and materials containing foam plastics. Decorative materials do not include floor coverings, ordinary window shades, *interior finish* and materials 0.025 inch (0.64 mm) or less in thickness applied directly to and adhering tightly to a substrate.

**IFC 807.1 (IBC [F] 806.1) General requirements.** Decorative materials shall comply with Sections 807.1.1 through 807.1.7.

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* if they cover 10 percent or more of the wall or of the ceiling area, and shall not be considered *decorative materials* or furnishings. *(Relocated from below)*

**IFC 807.1.1 (IBC [F] 806.1.1) Groups A, E, I-4 and R-1 and dormitories in Groups R-2.** In occupancies in Groups A, E, I-4 and R-1 and dormitories in Group R-2, ~~curtains, draperies, hangings and other~~ *combustible decorative materials* suspended from walls or ceilings shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with section 807.2 or be noncombustible.

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Curtains, draperies, hangings and other decorative materials suspended from walls of sleeping units and dwelling units in dormitories in Group R-2 protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1 and such materials are limited to not more than 50 percent of the aggregate area of walls. In Group R-2 dormitories, within sleeping units and dwelling units, the combustible decorative materials are limited to not more than 50 percent of the aggregate wall area where the building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.~~
- ~~2. In Group R-2 dormitories, combustible decorative materials, including, but not limited to, photographs and paintings in dormitories in Group R-2 where such materials are of limited quantities such that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present.~~

**IFC 807.1.2 (IBC [F] 806.1.2) Groups I-1 and I-2.** In Groups I-1 and I-2, combustible *decorative materials* shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with section 807.2 or be noncombustible unless the *decorative materials*, including, but not limited to, photographs and paintings, are of such limited quantities that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present.

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. In Group I-2 Condition 1 and Group I-1 Condition 2, within sleeping units and dwelling units, the combustible decorative materials are limited to not more than 50 percent of the aggregate wall area.~~
- ~~2. In Group I-2 Condition 1 and Group I-1 Condition 2, combustible decorative materials in areas other than within dwelling and sleeping units are limited to not more than 30 percent of the aggregate area of walls.~~
- ~~3. In Group I-2 and Group I-1, combustible decorative materials where such materials are of limited quantities such that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present.~~

4. In Group I-1 Condition 1, combustible decorative materials, within sleeping units and dwelling units, the combustible decorative materials are limited to not more than 30 percent of the aggregate area of walls.

**IFC 807.1.3 (IBC [F] 806.1.3) Group I-3.** In Group I-3, combustible decorative materials decorations are prohibited.

~~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 if they cover 10 percent or more of the wall or of the ceiling area, and shall not be considered decorative materials or furnishings.~~

**IFC 807.1.4 (IBC [F] 806.1.4) Groups B and M.** In Group B and M occupancies, fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling and not supported by the floor shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with Section 807.2 and ~~NFPA 701~~ or shall be noncombustible.

~~IFC 807.1.4~~ **807.1.5 (IBC [F] 806.1.4 806.1.5) Noncombustible materials.** The permissible amount of noncombustible decorative material shall not be limited.

~~IFC 807.1.2~~ **807.1.6 (IBC [F] 806.1.2 806.1.6) Combustible decorative materials.** The permissible amount of combustible decorative materials meeting the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with Section 807.2 shall not exceed 10 percent of the specific wall or ceiling area to which it is attached.

**Exceptions:**

1. In auditoriums in Group A, the permissible amount of combustible decorative material meeting the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with Section 807.2 shall not exceed 75 percent of the aggregate wall area where the building is equipped throughout with an *approved automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, and where the material is installed in accordance with Section 803.11 of the *International Building Code*.
2. The amount of fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling and not supported by the floor in Group B and M occupancies shall not be limited.

**Reason:** ~~Insert standard CTC paragraph~~

Residents of long term care facilities seek to make their environment more residential and maintain connections with family and community. Part of this process is to include decorating their personal spaces with personal décor from their home and family. Long term facilities are truly the homes for the residents of these occupancies and this proposed change is only one of many changes required to make these occupancies more residential.

The intent is for this change to work with the proposal for decorative materials from the Adhoc Health Care Committee for areas in Group I-2 not in the residents sleeping rooms for a 20% maximum and the Fire Code Action Committee revisions to clarify this section.

Need to add G31 Part II for current sprinkler requirements.

**Cost Impact:** Reduction

**Contact:** CTC Care Committee – Kim Paarlberg Secretariat