



**RULE-MAKING ORDER**  
(RCW 34.05.360)

**CR-103** (10/1/89)

Agency: State Building Code Council

- Permanent Rule
- Emergency Rule

(1) Date of adoption: November 8, 1991

(2) Purpose: To adopt by reference the 1991 editions of the Uniform Building Code and the Uniform Building Code Standards with amendments. Amendments include final changes to the State Regulations for Barrier-Free Facilities, Chapter 31 and appendix Chapter 31.

(3) Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

- Repealed: None
- Amended: None
- Suspended:

(4) Authority for adoption: Chapters 70.92 and 19.27 RCW  
Statute: Chapters 70.92 and 19.27 RCW  
Other Authority:

**(5.1) PERMANENT RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to notice filed as WSR 91-20-175 on October 2, 1991 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

See attached page

**(5.2) EMERGENCY RULE ONLY**

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- (a) That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- (b) That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding:

(5.3) Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes  No If yes, explain: The new State Regulations for Barrier-Free Facilities which comprise Chapter 31 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 20 CFR, Part 36.

(6) Effective date of rule:

**Permanent Rules**

**Emergency Rules**

- 31 days after filing
- Other (specify) July 1, 1992
- Immediately
- Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\* (If less than 31 days after filing, specific finding in 5.3 under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required)

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(5.1) PERMANENT RULE ONLY (continued)

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version.

WAC 51-20-009 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE STORAGE. This is a new section. Sections 51-20-0419, 51-20-0516, 51-20-0555, 51-20-1216, and 51-20-1251 WAC have been deleted. This section places the regulations for recyclable materials and solid waste storage into one location. The requirements have been rewritten to eliminate the prescriptive requirements for multi-family residential buildings and commercial buildings. The new provisions require that space be provided, but allows local jurisdictions to design their requirements around the collection methods and containers used in their areas. This change was made to reflect the diversity in the types of collection and containers used for solid waste and recyclable materials, throughout the state.

WAC 51-20-1011 SUITE CONCEPT. Amendments were made to the conditions for a suite as follows:

1. An exception to the maximum size of the suite was added for patient sleeping room suites.
7. Clarification was made, that this item applies to patient sleeping rooms, with visual supervision required. Direct visual supervision was not required, to allow the use of video monitors.
8. Clarification of patient corridor widths in mental health occupancies was made to comply with Department of Health requirements.

**CHAPTER 31**

Substantive changes to Chapter 31 as proposed for rulemaking were made in order to satisfy Department of Justice equivalency requirements and to clarify proposed code requirements as follows:

Add the following Sections and Definitions to Chapter 31:

WAC 51-20-3101 (d) and (e); Definitions of Ground Floor and Path of Travel; 51-20-3104 (a) Exception 1; 51-20-3106 (k) 3. C; 51-20-3106 (k) 5. Exception 1; 51-20-3106 (aa) 2;

Amend the following Sections and Definitions in Chapter 31:

Definition of Primary Function; 51-20-3103 (a) 1; 51-20-3103 (a) 2. Exception 1; 51-20-3103 (a) 2. A; 51-20-3103 (a) 2. B; 51-20-3103 (a) 8. A. and B; 51-20-3103 (b) 4. B; 51-20-3105 (d) 1; 51-20-3105 (d) 6; 51-20-3105 (d) 7; 51-20-3106 (d) 6; 51-20-3106 (h); 51-20-3106 (q); 51-20-3106 (x); 51-20-3106 (aa) 1; 51-20-3111, Exception 5; 51-20-3114 (a);

WAC 51-20-3802 (e) 3. Division 1. This section was revised to clarify the intent for the provisions to apply to newly constructed buildings built after July 1, 1992. A notation was added on when existing buildings will be considered new construction for the purpose of installing an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system. The aggregate area for a cluster of portable school classrooms to be exempt from these provisions was reduced to 5,000 square feet, to be compatible with fire hydrant requirements. Clarification was made on the allowances of area and height increases and fire resistive construction substitutions with the installation of a sprinkler system in this occupancy.

## Chapter 51-20 WAC

STATE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT  
OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODENEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-001 AUTHORITY. These rules are adopted under the authority of chapter 19.27 RCW.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-002 PURPOSE. The purpose of these rules is to implement the provisions of chapter 19.27 RCW, which provides that the state building code council shall maintain the State Building Code in a status which is consistent with the purpose as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining the codes the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes adopted under the act, and other pertinent information, and shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-003 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE. The 1991 edition of the Uniform Building Code as published by the International Conference of Building Officials and available from the International Conference of Building Officials, 5360 South Workman Mill Road, Whittier, California 90601 is hereby adopted by reference with the following additions, deletions, and exceptions.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-004 CONFLICTS WITH WASHINGTON STATE VENTILATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY CODE. In the case of conflict between the ventilation requirements of section 605, section 705, section 905, and section 1205 of this code and the ventilation requirements of chapter 51-13 WAC, the Washington State Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Code, the provisions of the ventilation and indoor air quality code shall govern.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-005 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY. Chapter 31 and other Uniform Building Code requirements for barrier-free access are adopted pursuant to chapters 70.92 and 19.27 RCW.

Pursuant to RCW 19.27.040, Chapter 31 and requirements affecting barrier-free access in Sections 3304 (b), 3304 (h), 3306 (g), and 3306 (i) shall not be amended by local governments.

In case of conflict with other provisions of this code, Chapter 31 and requirements affecting barrier-free access in Sections 3304 (b), 3304 (h), 3306 (g), and 3306 (i) shall govern.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-007 EXCEPTIONS. The exceptions and amendments to the Uniform Building Code contained in the provisions of chapter 19.27 RCW shall apply in case of conflict with any of the provisions of these rules.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-008 IMPLEMENTATION. The Uniform Building Code adopted under chapter 51-20 WAC shall become effective in all counties and cities of this state on July 1, 1992, unless local amendments have been approved by the state building code council.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-009 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE STORAGE. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definition shall apply:

RECYCLED MATERIALS means those solid wastes that are separated for recycling or reuse, such as papers, metals and glass.

(b) All local jurisdictions shall require that space be provided for the storage of recycled materials and solid waste for all new buildings.

EXCEPTION: Group R, Division 3 and Group M Occupancies.

The storage area shall be designed to meet the needs of the occupancy, efficiency of pickup, and shall be available to occupants and haulers.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0100 CHAPTER 1. Title, scope and general.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0104 APPLICATION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. Section 104. (a) General. Buildings and structures to which additions, alterations or repairs are made shall comply with all the

requirements of this code for new facilities except as specifically provided in this section. See Section 1210 for provisions requiring installation of smoke detectors in existing Group R, Division 3 Occupancies.

(b) Additions, Alterations or Repairs. Additions, alterations or repairs may be made to any building or structure without requiring the existing building or structure to comply with all the requirements of this code, provided the addition, alteration or repair conforms to that required for a new building or structure. Additions or alterations shall not be made to an existing building or structure which will cause the existing building or structure to be in violation of any of the provisions of this code nor shall such additions or alterations cause the existing building or structure to become unsafe. An unsafe condition shall be deemed to have been created if an addition or alteration will cause the existing building or structure to become structurally unsafe or overloaded; will not provide adequate egress in compliance with the provisions of this code or will obstruct existing exits; will create a fire hazard; will reduce required fire resistance or will otherwise create conditions dangerous to human life. Any building so altered, which involves a change in use or occupancy, shall not exceed the height, number of stories and area permitted for new buildings. Any building plus new additions shall not exceed the height, number of stories and area specified for new buildings. Additions or alterations shall not be made to an existing building or structure when such existing building or structure is not in full compliance with the provisions of this code except when such addition or alteration will result in the existing building or structure being no more hazardous based on life-safety, fire-safety and sanitation, than before such additions or alterations are undertaken. [See also Section 911 (c) for Group H, Division 6 Occupancies.]

Alterations or repairs to an existing building or structure which are nonstructural and do not adversely affect any structural member or any part of the building or structure having required fire resistance may be made with the same materials of which the building or structure is constructed. The installation or replacement of glass shall be as required for new installations.

**EXCEPTION:** Alterations of existing structural elements or additions of new structural elements which are initiated for the purpose of increasing the vertical or lateral load-carrying strength or stiffness of an existing structure need not be designed for forces conforming to these regulations provided that:

- A. The capacity of existing structural elements to resist forces is not reduced, and;
- B. The loading to existing structural elements is not increased, and;
- C. All new structural elements are detailed and connected to the existing structural elements as required by these regulations, and;
- D. All new or relocated nonstructural elements are detailed and connected to existing or new structural elements as required by these regulations, and;
- E. An unsafe condition is not created.

(c) Existing Installations. Buildings in existence at the time of the adoption of this code may have their existing use or occupancy continued, if such use or occupancy was legal at the time of the adoption of this code, provided such continued use is not dangerous to life.

Any change in the use or occupancy of any existing building or structure shall comply with the provisions of Sections 308 and 502 of this code.

For existing buildings, see Appendix Chapter 1.

(d) Maintenance. All buildings and structures, both existing and new, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. All devices or safeguards which are required by this code

shall be maintained in conformance with the code edition under which installed. The owner or the owner's designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings and structures. To determine compliance with this subsection, the building official may cause a structure to be reinspected.

(e) Moved Buildings and Temporary Buildings. Buildings or structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this code for new buildings or structures.

Temporary structures such as reviewing stands and other miscellaneous structures, sheds, canopies or fences used for the protection of the public around and in conjunction with construction work may be erected by special permit from the building official for a limited period of time. Such buildings or structures need not comply with the type of construction or fire-resistive time periods required by this code. Temporary buildings or structures shall be completely removed upon the expiration of the time limit stated in the permit.

(f) Historic Buildings. Repairs, alterations and additions necessary for the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or continued use of a building or structure may be made without conformance to all the requirements of this code when authorized by the building official, provided:

1. The building or structure has been designated by official action of the legally constituted authority of this jurisdiction as having special historical or architectural significance.

2. Any unsafe conditions as described in this code are corrected.

3. The restored building or structure will be no more hazardous based on life safety, fire safety and sanitation than the existing building.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0300 CHAPTER 3. Permits and Inspections.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0307 STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION. Section 307. Structural observation shall be provided in Seismic Zone No. 3 or 4 when one of the following conditions exists:

1. The structure is defined in Table No. 23-K as Occupancy Category I, II or III, or

2. The structure is required to comply with Section 1807, or

3. Construction inspection as defined in Section 302(c), Item 2, is required, or

4. When such observation is specifically required by the building official for unusual lateral force-resisting structures or irregular structures as defined in Section 2333.

The owner shall employ the engineer or architect responsible for the structural design, or another engineer or architect designated by the engineer or architect responsible for the structural design to perform structural observation as defined in Section 420. Any observed deficiencies, that do not generally conform to the approved plans and specifications or to revised details approved by the building official, shall be submitted in writing to the owner's representative, who in turn shall notify the contractor and the building

official. The engineer or architect shall submit a statement in writing to the building official stating that the site visits have been made.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0400 CHAPTER 4. Definitions and Abbreviations.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0404 SECTION 404. CAST STONE is a precast building stone manufactured from portland cement concrete and used as a trim, veneer or facing on or in buildings or structures.

CENTRAL HEATING PLANT is environmental heating equipment which directly utilizes fuel to generate heat in a medium for distribution by means of ducts or pipes to areas other than the room or space in which the equipment is located.

C.F.R. is the Code of Federal Regulations, a regulation of the United States of America available from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT is the head of the fire department or a regularly authorized deputy.

CHILD DAY CARE, shall, for the purposes of these regulations, mean the care of children during any period of a 24 hour day.

CHILD DAY CARE HOME, FAMILY is a child day care facility, licensed by the state, located in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care and supervision the child is placed, for the care of twelve or fewer children, including children who reside at the home.

COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID. See the Fire Code.

CONGREGATE RESIDENCE is any building or portion thereof which contains facilities for living, sleeping and sanitation, as required by this code, and may include facilities for eating and cooking, for occupancy by other than a family. A congregate residence may be a shelter, convent, monastery, dormitory, fraternity or sorority house but does not include jails, hospitals, nursing homes, hotels or lodging houses.

CONDOMINIUM, RESIDENTIAL. See "apartment house."

CONTROL AREA is a space bounded by not less than a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation within which the exempted amounts of hazardous materials may be stored, dispensed, handled or used.

CORROSIVE is a chemical that causes visible destruction of, or irreversible alterations in, living tissue by chemical action at the site of contact. A chemical is considered to be corrosive if, when tested on the intact skin of albino rabbits by the method described in the United States Department of Transportation in Appendix A to C.F.R. 49 Part 173, it destroys or changes irreversibly the structure of the tissue at the site of contact following an exposure period of four hours. This term shall not refer to action on inanimate surfaces.

COURT is a space, open and unobstructed to the sky, located at or above grade level on a lot and bounded on three or more sides by walls of a building.



NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0407 SECTION 407. FABRICATION AREA (fab area) is an area within a Group H, Division 6 Occupancy in which there are processes involving hazardous production materials and may include ancillary rooms or areas such as dressing rooms and offices that are directly related to the fab area processes.

FAMILY is an individual or two or more persons related by blood or marriage or a group of not more than five persons (excluding servants) who need not be related by blood or marriage living together in a dwelling unit.

FAMILY ABODE means a single-dwelling unit and accessory buildings occupied for living purposes by a family which provides permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

FIRE ASSEMBLY. See Section 4306 (b).

FIRE CODE is the Uniform Fire Code promulgated jointly by the Western Fire Chiefs Association and the International Conference of Building Officials, as adopted by this jurisdiction.

FIRE RESISTANCE or FIRE-RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION is construction to resist the spread of fire, details of which are specified in this code.

FIRE-RETARDANT-TREATED WOOD is any wood product impregnated with chemicals by a pressure process or other means during manufacture, and which, when tested in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 42-1 for a period of 30 minutes, shall have a flame spread of not over 25 and show no evidence of progressive combustion. In addition, the flame front shall not progress more than 10 1/2 feet beyond the center line of the burner at any time during the test. Materials which may be exposed to the weather shall pass the accelerated weathering test and be identified as Exterior type, in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 25-28. Where material is not directly exposed to rainfall but exposed to high humidity conditions, it shall be subjected to the hygroscopic test and identified as Interior Type A in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 25-28.

All materials shall bear identification showing the fire performance rating thereof. Such identifications shall be issued by an approved agency having a service for inspection of materials at the factory.

FLAMMABLE LIQUID. See Fire Code.

FLOOR AREA is the area included within the surrounding exterior walls of a building or portion thereof, exclusive of vent shafts and courts. The floor area of a building, or portion thereof, not provided with surrounding exterior walls shall be the usable area under the horizontal projection of the roof or floor above.

FM is Factory Mutual Engineering and Research, 1151 Boston-Providence Turnpike, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062.

FOAM PLASTIC INSULATION is a plastic which is intentionally expanded by the use of a foaming agent to produce a reduced-density plastic containing voids consisting of hollow spheres or interconnected cells distributed throughout the plastic for thermal insulating or acoustical purposes and which has a density less than 20 pounds per cubic foot.

FOOTING is that portion of the foundation of a structure which spreads and transmits loads directly to the soil or the piles.

FRONT OF LOT is the front boundary line of a lot bordering on the street and, in the case of a corner lot, may be either frontage.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0409 SECTION 409. HABITABLE SPACE (ROOM) is space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage or utility space, and similar areas, are not considered habitable space.

**HANDLING** is the deliberate transport of materials by any means to a point of storage or use.

**HANDRAIL** is a railing provided for grasping with the hand for support. See also Section 408, definition of "guardrail."

**HAZARDOUS PRODUCTION MATERIAL (HPM)** is a solid, liquid or gas that has a degree of hazard rating in health, flammability or reactivity of 3 or 4 and which is used directly in research, laboratory or production processes which have, as their end product, materials which are not hazardous.

**HEALTH HAZARD** is a classification of a chemical for which there is statistically significant evidence based on at least one reproducible study conducted in accordance with established scientific principles that acute health effects may occur in exposed persons. The term "health hazard" includes chemicals which are toxic or highly toxic agents, irritants, corrosives, hepatotoxins, nephrotoxins, neurotoxins, agents which can have an acute effect on the hematopoietic system, and agents that have acute effects on the lungs, skin, eyes or mucous membrane.

**HEIGHT OF BUILDING** is the vertical distance above a reference datum measured to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof or to the deck line of a mansard roof or to the average height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof. The reference datum shall be selected by either of the following, whichever yields a greater height of building:

1. The elevation of the highest adjoining sidewalk or ground surface within a 5-foot horizontal distance of the exterior wall of the building when such sidewalk or ground surface is not more than 10 feet above lowest grade.

2. An elevation 10 feet higher than the lowest grade when the sidewalk or ground surface described in Item 1 above is more than 10 feet above lowest grade.

The height of a stepped or terraced building is the maximum height of any segment of the building.

**HELIPORT** is an area of land or water or a structural surface which is used, or intended for use, for the landing and take-off of helicopters, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for heliport buildings and other heliport facilities.

**HELISTOP** is the same as a heliport, except that no refueling, maintenance, repairs or storage of helicopters is permitted.

**HIGHLY TOXIC MATERIAL** is a material which produces a lethal dose or a lethal concentration which falls within any of the following categories:

1. A chemical that has a median lethal dose ( $LD_{50}$ ) of 50 milligrams or less per kilogram of body weight when administered orally to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 grams each.

2. A chemical that has a median lethal dose ( $LD_{50}$ ) of 200 milligrams or less per kilogram of body weight when administered by continuous contact for 24 hours (or less if death occurs within 24 hours) with the bare skin of albino rabbits weighing between 2 and 3 kilograms each.

3. A chemical that has a median lethal concentration ( $LC_{50}$ ) in air of 200 parts per million by volume or less of gas or vapor, or 2 milligrams per liter or less of mist, fume or dust, when administered by continuous inhalation for one hour (or less if death occurs within one hour) to albino rats weighing between 200 and 300 grams each.

Mixtures of these materials with ordinary materials, such as water, may not warrant a classification of highly toxic. While this system is basically simple in application, any hazard evaluation which is required for the precise categorization of this type of material shall be performed by experienced, technically competent persons.

**HORIZONTAL EXIT.** See Section 3301 (b).

**HOTEL** is any building containing six or more guest rooms intended or designed to be used, or which are used, rented or hired out to be occupied, or which are occupied for sleeping purposes by guests.

**HOT-WATER HEATING BOILER** is a boiler having a volume exceeding 120 gallons, or a heat input exceeding 200,000 Btu/h, or an operating

temperature exceeding 210°F. that provides hot water to be used externally to itself.

HPM STORAGE ROOM is a room used for the storage or dispensing of hazardous production material (HPM) and which is classified as a Group H, Division 2, 3 or 7 Occupancy.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0414 SECTION 414. MARQUEE is a permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting over public property. Marquees are regulated in Chapter 45.

MASONRY is that form of construction composed of stone, brick, concrete, gypsum, hollow-clay tile, concrete block or tile, glass block or other similar building units or materials or combination of these materials laid up unit by unit and set in mortar.

MASONRY, SOLID, is masonry of solid units built without hollow spaces.

MECHANICAL CODE is the Uniform Mechanical Code promulgated jointly by the International Conference of Building Officials and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, as adopted by this jurisdiction.

MEMBRANE PENETRATION FIRE STOP is a material, device or construction installed to resist, for a prescribed time period, the passage of flame, heat and hot gases through openings in a protective membrane in order to accommodate cables, cable trays, conduit, tubing, pipes or similar items.

MEZZANINE or MEZZANINE FLOOR is an intermediate floor placed within a room.

MOTEL shall mean hotel as defined in this code.

MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL-DISPENSING STATION is that portion of a building where flammable or combustible liquids or gases used as motor fuels are stored and dispensed from fixed equipment into the fuel tanks of motor vehicles.

MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING is a common wall dwelling or apartment house that consists of four or fewer dwelling units that do not exceed two stories in height and that are less than five thousand square feet in total area.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0417 SECTION 417. PANIC HARDWARE. See Section 3301 (b).

PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY is a walkway used exclusively as a pedestrian trafficway.

PENETRATION FIRE STOP is a through-penetration fire stop or a membrane-penetration fire stop.

PERMIT is an official document or certificate issued by the building official authorizing performance of a specified activity.

PERSON is a natural person, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, and also includes a firm, partnership or corporation, its or their successors or assigns, or the agent of any of the aforesaid.

PLASTIC MATERIALS, APPROVED, other than foam plastics regulated under Sections 1705(e) and 1713, are those having a self-ignition temperature of 650°F. or greater and a smoke-density rating not greater than 450 when tested in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 42-1, in the way intended for use, or a smoke-density rating no greater than 75 when tested in the thickness intended for use by U.B.C. Standard No. 52-2. Approved plastics shall be classified and shall meet the requirements for either CC1 or CC2 plastic.

PLATFORM. See Chapter 39.

PLUMBING CODE is the Uniform Plumbing Code promulgated by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials as adopted by this jurisdiction.

PORTABLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM is a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which requires a chassis to be transported, and is designed to be used as an educational space with or without a permanent foundation. The structure shall be trailerable and capable of being demounted and relocated to other locations as needs arise.

PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE is a surface material which forms the required outer layer or layers of a fire-resistive assembly containing concealed spaces.

PUBLIC WAY. See Section 3301(b).

### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0420 SECTION 420. SENSITIZER is a chemical that causes a substantial proportion of exposed people or animals to develop an allergic reaction in normal tissue after repeated exposure to the chemical.

SERVICE CORRIDOR is a fully enclosed passage used for transporting hazardous production materials and for purposes other than required exiting.

SHAFT is an interior space, enclosed by walls or construction, extending through one or more stories or basements which connects openings in successive floors, or floors and roof, to accommodate elevators, dumbwaiters, mechanical equipment or similar devices or to transmit light or ventilation air.

SHAFT ENCLOSURE is the walls or construction forming the boundaries of a shaft.

SHALL, as used in this code, is mandatory.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING is a dwelling containing only one dwelling unit.

SMOKE DETECTOR is an approved device that senses visible or invisible particles of combustion.

STAGE. See Chapter 39.

STORY is that portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, except that the topmost story shall be that portion of a building included between the upper surface of the topmost floor and the ceiling or roof above. If the finished floor level directly above a usable or unused under-floor space is more than 6 feet above grade as defined herein for more than 50 percent of the total perimeter or is more than 12 feet above grade as defined herein at any point, such usable or unused under-floor space shall be considered as a story.

STORY, FIRST, is the lowest story in a building which qualifies as a story, as defined herein, except that a floor level in a building having only one floor level shall be classified as a first story, provided such floor level is not more than 4 feet below grade, as defined herein, for more than 50 percent of the total perimeter, or not more than 8 feet below grade, as defined herein, at any point.

STREET is any thoroughfare or public way not less than 16 feet in width which has been dedicated or deeded to the public for public use.

STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION means the visual observation of the structural system for general conformance to the approved plans and specifications. Structural observation does not include or waive the responsibility for the inspections required by Section 305 and 306.

STRUCTURE is that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner.

SURGICAL AREA is the preoperating, operating, recovery and similar rooms within an out-patient health-care center where the patients are incapable of unassisted self-preservation.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0500 CHAPTER 5. Classification of all Buildings by Use or Occupancy and General Requirements for all Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0503 MIXED OCCUPANCY. Section 503. (a) General. When a building is used for more than one occupancy purpose, each part of the building comprising a distinct "occupancy," as described in Chapters 5 through 12, shall be separated from any other occupancy as specified in Section 503(d).

- EXCEPTIONS:
1. Where an approved spray booth constructed in accordance with the Fire Code is installed, such booth need not be separated from other Group H Occupancies or from Group B Occupancies.
  2. The following occupancies need not be separated from the uses to which they are accessory:
    - A. Assembly rooms having a floor area of not over 750 square feet.
    - B. Administrative and clerical offices and similar rooms which do not exceed 25 percent of the floor area of the major use when not related to Group H, Division 2 and Group H, Division 3 Occupancies.
    - C. Gift shops, administrative offices and similar rooms in Group R, Division 1 Occupancies not exceeding 10 percent of the floor area of the major use.
    - D. The kitchen serving the dining area of which it is part.
    - E. Offices, retail, food preparation establishments for off-site consumption, personal care salons or similar Group B, Division 2 Occupancies conducted primarily by the occupants of the dwelling, which are secondary to the use of the unit for dwelling purposes, and which do not exceed 500 square feet.
  3. An occupancy separation need not be provided between a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy and a carport having no enclosed uses above, provided the carport is entirely open on two or more sides.
  4. A Group B, Division 1 Occupancy used exclusively for the parking or storage of private or pleasure-type motor vehicles need not be separated from a Group B, Division 3 Occupancy open parking garage as defined in Section 709.
  5. A one-hour occupancy separation need not be provided between fuel-dispensing pumps covered with a canopy that is open on three or more sides, and a Group B, Division 2 Occupancy retail store having an area of less than 2,500 square feet when the following conditions exist:
    - A. The Group B, Division 2 Occupancy is provided with two exits separated as required by Section 3303(c) and not located in the same exterior wall.
    - B. Pump islands are not located within 20 feet of the Group B, Division 2 Occupancy retail store.

When a building houses more than one occupancy, each portion of the building shall conform to the requirements for the occupancy housed therein.

An occupancy shall not be located above the story or height set forth in Table No. 5-D, except as provided in Section 507. When a mixed occupancy building contains a Group H, Division 6 Occupancy, the portion containing the Group H, Division 6 Occupancy shall not exceed three stories or 55 feet in height.

(b) Forms of Occupancy Separations. Occupancy separations shall be vertical or horizontal or both or, when necessary, of such other form as may be required to afford a complete separation between the various occupancy divisions in the building.

Where the occupancy separation is horizontal, structural members supporting the separation shall be protected by equivalent fire-resistive construction.

(c) Types of Occupancy Separations. Occupancy separations shall be classed as "four-hour fire-resistive," "three-hour fire-resistive," "two-hour fire-resistive," and "one-hour fire-resistive."

1. A four-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation shall have no openings therein and shall not be of less than four-hour fire-resistive construction.

2. A three-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation shall not be of less than three-hour fire-resistive construction. All openings in walls forming such separation shall be protected by a fire assembly having a three-hour fire-protection rating. The total width of all openings in any three-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation wall in any one story shall not exceed 25 percent of the length of the wall in that story and no single opening shall have an area greater than 120 square feet.

All openings in floors forming a three-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation shall be protected by vertical enclosures extending above and below such openings. The walls of such vertical enclosures shall not be of less than two-hour fire-resistive construction and all openings therein shall be protected by a fire assembly having a one- and one-half-hour fire-protection rating.

3. A two-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation shall not be of less than two-hour fire-resistive construction. All openings in such separation shall be protected by a fire assembly having a one- and one-half-hour fire-protection rating.

4. A one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation shall not be of less than one-hour fire-resistive construction. All openings in such separation shall be protected by a fire assembly having a one-hour fire-protection rating.

(d) Fire Ratings for Occupancy Separations. Occupancy separations shall be provided between the various groups and divisions of occupancies as set forth in Table No. 5-8.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. A three-hour occupancy separation may be used between a Group A, Division 1 and a Group B, Division 1 Occupancy used exclusively for the parking or storage of private or pleasure-type motor vehicles and provided no repair or fueling is done. A two-hour occupancy separation may be used between a Group A, Division 2, 2.1, 3 or 4 or E or I Occupancy and a Group B, Division 1 Occupancy that is used exclusively for the parking or storage of private or pleasure-type motor vehicles and provided no repair or fueling is done.

2. Unless required by Section 702(b)1, the three-hour occupancy separation between a Group R, Division 1 Occupancy and a Group B, Division 1 Occupancy used only for the parking or storage of private or pleasure-type motor vehicles with no repair or fueling may be reduced to two hours. Such occupancy separation may be further reduced to one hour where the area of such Group B, Division 1 Occupancy does not exceed 3,000 square feet.

3. In the one-hour occupancy separation between Group R, Division 3 and Group M Occupancies, the separation may be limited to the installation of materials approved for one-hour fire-resistive construction on the garage side and a self-closing, tight-fitting solid wood door 1 3/8 inches in thickness, or a self-closing tight-fitting door having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes when tested in accordance with Part II of U.B.C. Standard No. 43-2, which is a part of this code, is permitted in lieu of a one-hour fire assembly. Fire dampers

need not be installed in air ducts passing through the wall, floor or ceiling separating a Group R, Division 3 Occupancy from a Group M Occupancy, provided such ducts within the Group M Occupancy are constructed of steel having a thickness not less than 0.019 inch (No. 26 galvanized sheet gage) and have no openings into the Group M Occupancy.

4. Group H, Division 2 and Group H, Division 3 Occupancies need not be separated from Group H, Division 7 Occupancies when such occupancies also comply with the requirements for a Group H, Division 7 Occupancy.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0514 HEATING. Section 514. (a) For the purposes of this section only, the following definitions apply.

DESIGNATED AREAS are those areas designated by a county to be an urban growth area in Chapter 36.70A RCW and those areas designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as being in nonattainment for particulate matter.

SUBSTANTIALLY REMODELLED means any alteration or restoration of a building exceeding sixty percent of the appraised value of such building within a twelve-month period.

(b) Primary heating sources in all new and substantially remodelled buildings in designated areas, shall not be dependent upon woodstoves.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0515 SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICES. Section 515. After January 1, 1992, no used solid fuel burning device shall be installed in new or existing buildings unless such device is either Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Phase II or United States Environmental Protection Agency certified or a pellet stove either certified or exempt from certification by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0551 TABLE NO. 5-B--REQUIRED SEPARATION IN BUILDINGS OF MIXED OCCUPANCY<sup>1</sup>

**TABLE NO. 5-B—REQUIRED SEPARATION IN BUILDINGS OF MIXED OCCUPANCY<sup>1</sup>**  
(In Hours)

	A-1	A-2	A-2.1	A-3	A-4	B-1	B-2	B-3	B-4	E	H-1	H-2	H-3	H-4-5	H-6-7 <sup>3</sup>	I	M <sup>4</sup>	R-1	R-3
A-1		N	N	N	N	4	3	3	3	N		4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
A-2	N		N	N	N	3	1	1	1	N		4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
A-2.1	N	N		N	N	3	1	1	1	N		4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
A-3	N	N	N		N	3	N	1	1	N		4	4	4	3	2	1	1	1
A-4	N	N	N	N		3	1	1	1	N		4	4	4	4	3	1	1	1
B-1	4	3	3	3	3		1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	4	1	3	1
B-2	3	1	1	N	1	1		1	1	1		2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
B-3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1
B-4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		2	1	1	1	4	N	1	1
E	N	N	N	N	N	3	1	1	1			4	4	4	3	1	1	1	1
H-1	Not Permitted in Mixed Occupancies. See Chapter 9.										Not Permitted in Mixed Occupancies. See Chapter 9.								
H-2	4	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	4			1	1	2	4	1	4	4
H-3	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4		1		1	1	4	1	3	3
H-4-5	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	4		1	1		1	4	1	3	3
H-6-7 <sup>3</sup>	4	4	4	3	4	1	1	1	1	3		2	1	1		4	3	4	4
I	3	3	3	2	3	4	2	3	4	1		4	4	4	4		1	1	1
M <sup>4</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	N	1		1	1	1	3	1		1	1
R-1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1		4	3	3	4	1	1		N
R-3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		4	3	3	4	1	1	N	

<sup>1</sup>For detailed requirements and exceptions, see Section 503.

Not Permitted in Mixed Occupancies. See Chapter 9.

<sup>3</sup>For special provisions on highly toxic materials, see Fire Code.

<sup>4</sup>For agricultural buildings, see also Appendix Chapter 11.



NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0600 CHAPTER 6. Requirements for Group A Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0605 LIGHT, VENTILATION AND SANITATION. Section 605.

All enclosed portions of Group A Occupancies customarily used by human beings and all dressing rooms shall be provided with natural light by means of exterior glazed openings with an area not less than one tenth of the total floor area, and natural ventilation by means of openable exterior openings with an area of not less than one twentieth of the total floor area, or shall be provided with artificial light and a mechanically operated ventilating system. The mechanically operated ventilating system shall be capable of supplying a minimum of 5 cubic feet per minute of outside air per occupant with a total circulated of not less than 15 cubic feet per minute per occupant in all portions of the building during such time as the building is occupied. If the velocity of the air at the register exceeds 10 feet per second, the register shall be placed more than 8 feet above the floor directly beneath.

Toilet rooms shall be provided with a fully openable exterior window at least 3 square feet in area; or a vertical duct not less than 100 square inches in area for the first toilet facility, with 50 additional square inches for each additional facility; or a mechanically operated exhaust system capable of providing a complete change of air every 15 minutes. Such systems shall be connected directly to the outside, and the point of discharge shall be at least 3 feet from any operable opening into the building.

There shall be provided in an approved location at least one lavatory for each two water closets for each sex, and at least one drinking fountain for each floor level.

EXCEPTION: A drinking fountain need not be provided in a drinking or dining establishment.

For other requirements on water closets, see Sections 510 and 511.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0700 CHAPTER 7. Requirements for Group B Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0702 CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT AND ALLOWABLE AREA. Section 702. (a) General. Buildings or parts of buildings classed in Group B Occupancy because of the use or character of the occupancy shall be limited to the types of construction set forth in Tables Nos. 5-C and 5-D and shall not exceed, in area or height, the limits specified in Sections 505, 506 and 507.

(b) Special Provisions. 1. Group B, Division 1 with Group A, Division 3; Group B, Division 2; or Group R, Division 1 Occupancy above. Other provisions of this code notwithstanding, a basement or first story of a building may be considered as a separate and distinct

building for the purposes of area limitations, limitation of number of stories and type of construction, when all of the following conditions are met:

A. The basement or first story is of Type I construction and is separated from the building above with a three-hour occupancy separation.

B. The building above the three-hour occupancy separation contains only Group A, Division 3; Group B, Division 2; or Group R, Division 1 Occupancies.

C. The building below the three-hour occupancy separation is used exclusively for the parking and storage of private or pleasure-type motor vehicles.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Entry lobbies, laundry rooms, mechanical rooms and similar uses incidental to the operation of the building.  
2. Group B, Division 2 office and retail occupancies in addition to those incidental to the operation of the building (including storage areas) provided that the entire structure below the three-hour occupancy separation is protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system.

D. The maximum building height in feet shall not exceed the limits set forth in Table No. 5-D for the least type of construction involved.

2. Group B, Division 1 with Group B, Division 3 Occupancy above. Other provisions of this code notwithstanding, a Group B, Division 1 Occupancy, located in the basement or first story below a Group B, Division 3 open parking garage, as defined in Section 709, may be classified as a separate and distinct building for the purpose of determining the type of construction when all of the following conditions are met:

A. The allowable area of the structure shall be such that the sum of the ratios of the actual area divided by the allowable area for each separate occupancy shall not exceed 1.

B. The Group B, Division 1 Occupancy is of Type I or II construction and is at least equal to the fire resistance of the Group B, Division 3 Occupancy.

C. The height and the number of the tiers above the basement shall be limited as specified in Table No. 7-A or Section 709(e).

D. The floor-ceiling assembly separating the Group B, Division 1 and Group B, Division 3 Occupancies shall be protected as required for the floor-ceiling assembly of the Group B, Division 1 Occupancy. Openings between the Group B, Division 1 and Group B, Division 3 Occupancies, except exit openings, need not be protected.

E. The Group B, Division 1 Occupancy is used exclusively for the parking or storage for private or pleasure-type motor vehicles but may contain (a) mechanical equipment rooms incidental to the operation of the building and (b) an office, and waiting and toilet rooms having a total area of not more than 1,000 square feet.

(c) Specific Use Provisions. 1. Group B, Divisions 1 and 3 Occupancies. Marine or motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations including canopies and supports over pumps shall be of noncombustible, fire-retardant-treated wood or of one-hour fire-resistive construction.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Roofs of one-story fuel-dispensing stations may be of heavy-timber construction.  
2. Canopies conforming to Section 5213 may be erected over pumps.

In areas where motor vehicles, boats or aircraft are stored, and in motor vehicle fuel-dispensing stations and Division 1 repair garages, floor surfaces shall be of noncombustible, nonabsorbent materials. Floors shall drain to an approved oil separator or trap discharging to sewers in accordance with the Plumbing Code.

**EXCEPTION:** Floors may be surfaced or waterproofed with asphaltic paving materials in areas where motor vehicles or airplanes are stored or operated.

Canopies under which fuels are dispensed shall have a clear, unobstructed height of not less than 13 feet 6 inches to the lowest projecting element in the vehicle drive-through area.

2. Group B, Division 2 storage areas. Storage areas in connection with wholesale or retail sales in Division 2 Occupancies shall be separated from the public area by a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation.

**EXCEPTION:** Occupancy separation need not be provided when any one of the following conditions exists:

- A. The storage area does not exceed 1,000 square feet, or
- B. The storage area is sprinklered and does not exceed 3,000 square feet, or
- C. The building is provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system throughout. Area increases as specified in Section 506(c) are permitted.

3. Laboratories and vocational shops. Laboratories or suites of laboratories and vocational shops in buildings used for educational purposes and similar areas containing hazardous materials shall be separated from each other and other portions of the building by not less than a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation. When the quantities of hazardous materials in such uses do not exceed those listed in Table No. 9-A or 9-B, the requirements of Sections 905 and 908 shall apply. When the quantities of hazardous materials in such uses exceed those allowed by Table No. 9-A or 9-B, the use shall be classified as the appropriate Group H Occupancy.

Laboratories having an occupant load in excess of 10 shall have access to at least two exits from the room and all portions of the room shall be within 75 feet of an exit.

4. Medical gas systems. Medical gas systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the Fire Code. When nonflammable supply cylinders for such systems are located inside buildings they shall be in a separate room or enclosure separated from the rest of the building by not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction. Openings between the room or enclosure and interior spaces shall be protected by self-closing smoke- and draft-control assemblies having a fire-protection rating of not less than one hour. Rooms shall have at least one exterior wall in which there are not less than two vents of not less than 36 square inches in area. One vent shall be within 6 inches of the floor and one shall be within 6 inches of the ceiling.

**EXCEPTION:** When an exterior wall cannot be provided for the room, automatic sprinklers shall be installed within the room and the room shall be vented to the exterior through ducting contained within a one-hour-rated shaft enclosure. Approved mechanical ventilation shall provide six air changes per hour for the room.

5. Parking garage headroom. Parking garages shall have an unobstructed headroom clearance of not less than 7 feet above the finish floor to any ceiling, beam, pipe or similar construction, except for wall-mounted shelves, storage surfaces, racks or cabinets.

6. Group B, Division 4 roof framing. In Division 4 Occupancies, fire protection of the underside of roof framing may be omitted in all types of construction.

7. Amusement buildings. Amusement buildings with an occupant load of less than 50 shall comply with Sections 610, 3314 (f) and 3802 (c).

**EXCEPTION:** Amusement buildings or portions thereof which are without walls or a roof and constructed to prevent the accumulation of smoke in assembly areas.

For flammable decorative materials, see the Fire Code.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0800 CHAPTER 8. Requirements for Group E Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0801 GROUP E OCCUPANCIES DEFINED. Section 801. Group E Occupancies shall be:

Division 1. Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by 50 or more persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.

Division 2. Any building used for educational purposes through the 12th grade by less than 50 persons for more than 12 hours per week or four hours in any one day.

Division 3. Any building or portion thereof used for day-care purposes for more than six persons.

EXCEPTION: Family child day-care homes shall be considered Group E, Division 3 Occupancies.

For occupancy separations, see Table No. 5-B.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0802 CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT AND ALLOWABLE AREA. Section 802. (a) General. Buildings or parts of buildings classed in Group E because of the use or character of the occupancy shall be limited to the types of construction set forth in Tables Nos. 5-C and 5-D and shall not exceed, in area or height, the limits specified in Sections 505, 506 and 507, except that the area may be increased by 50 percent when the maximum travel distance specified in Section 3303(d) is reduced by 50 percent.

(b) Atmospheric Separation Requirements. 1. Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter and Section 3319, the following definitions are applicable:

COMMON ATMOSPHERE. A common atmosphere exists between rooms, spaces or areas within a building which are not separated by an approved smoke- and draft-stop barrier.

SEPARATE ATMOSPHERE. A separate atmosphere exists between rooms, spaces or areas that are separated by an approved smoke- and draft-stop barrier.

SMOKE AND DRAFT BARRIER. A smoke and draft barrier consists of walls, partitions, floors and openings therein of such construction as will prevent the transmission of smoke or gases through the construction.

2. General provisions. The provisions of this subsection apply when a separate exit system is required in accordance with Section 3318.

Walls, partitions and floors forming all of, or part of, an atmospheric separation shall be of materials consistent with the requirements for the type of construction, but of construction not less effective than a smoke- or draft-stop barrier. Glass lights of

approved wired glass set in steel frames may be installed in such walls or partitions.

Every door opening therein shall be protected with a fire assembly as required elsewhere in the code, but not less than a self-closing or automatic-closing, tight-fitting smoke barrier and fire assembly having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes when tested in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 43-2 which is a part of this code. (See Chapter 60, Part II.)

Ducts penetrating atmospheric separation walls, partitions or floors shall be equipped with an approved automatic-closing smoke damper when having openings into more than one atmosphere.

All automatic-closing fire assemblies installed in the atmospheric separation shall be activated by approved smoke detectors.

The specific requirements of this section are not intended to prevent the design or use of other systems, equipment or techniques which will effectively prevent the products of combustion from breaching the atmospheric separation.

(c) Special Provisions. Rooms in Divisions 1 and 2 Occupancies used for kindergarten, first- or second-grade pupils and Division 3 Occupancies shall not be located above or below the first story.

- EXCEPTIONS:
1. Rooms on floors which have exits to the exterior of the building which require no more than 4 feet of vertical travel from the floor level to the level of the exterior finished surface of the ground, paving or sidewalk.
  2. In buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout, rooms used for kindergarten, first- and second-grade children or for day-care purposes may be located on the second story, provided there are at least two exits directly into separate exiting systems as defined in Section 3318(a).
  3. Division 3 Occupancies located above the second story, shall be in buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system throughout and of Type I or Type II fire-resistive construction when:
    - A. Division 3 Occupancies above the fourth floor shall not have more than 12 children per floor; and,
    - B. The entire story on which the day-care facility is located is equipped with an approved fire alarm and smoke detection system as set forth in the Fire Code. Actuation of the system shall sound an alarm audible throughout the entire story; and,
    - C. The day-care facility is divided into not less than two areas of approximately the same size, separated from each other by not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction. Openings between the two areas shall be protected by an automatic-closing smoke and draft control assembly, having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes, which will close automatically upon actuation of the fire alarm or detection systems; and,
    - D. Each separated area is provided with air-moving equipment independent of that serving the other; and,
    - E. Each separated area has not less than two exits, one of which is permitted to be through the adjoining separated area; and,
    - F. The exits from the Division 3 Occupancy shall be into separate exiting systems as defined in Section 3318.

Stages and platforms shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 39. For attic space partitions and draft stops, see Section 2516(f).

(d) Special Hazards. Laboratories, vocational shops and similar areas containing hazardous materials shall be separated from each other and from other portions of the building by not less than a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation. When the quantities of hazardous materials in such uses do not exceed those listed in Table No. 9-A or 9-B, the requirements of Sections 905 and 908 shall apply.

When the quantities of hazardous materials in such uses exceed those allowed by Table No. 9-A or 9-B, the use shall be classified as the appropriate Group H Occupancy.

Occupants in laboratories having an area in excess of 200 square feet shall have access to at least two exits from the room and all portions of the room shall be within 75 feet of an exit.

Equipment in rooms or groups of rooms sharing a common atmosphere where flammable liquids, combustible dust or hazardous materials are used, stored, developed or handled shall conform to the requirements of the Fire Code.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0900 CHAPTER 9. Requirements for Group H Occupancies.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0901 GROUP H OCCUPANCIES DEFINED. Section 901. (a) General. For definitions, identification and control of hazardous materials, display of nonflammable solid and nonflammable or noncombustible liquid hazardous materials in Group B, Division 2 Occupancies, see the Fire Code. For application and use of control areas, see Footnote No. 1 of Tables Nos. 9-A and 9-B. Group H Occupancies shall be:

Division 1. Occupancies with a quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table No. 9-A which present a high explosion hazard, including, but not limited to:

1. Explosives, blasting agents, fireworks and black powder.

EXCEPTION: Storage and the use of pyrotechnic special effect materials in motion picture, television, theatrical and group entertainment production when under permit as required in the Fire Code. The time period for storage shall not exceed 90 days.

2. Unclassified detonatable organic peroxides.

3. Class 4 oxidizers.

4. Class 4 or Class 3 detonatable unstable (reactive) materials.

Division 2. Occupancies with a quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table No. 9-A, which present a moderate explosion hazard or a hazard from accelerated burning, including, but not limited to:

1. Class I organic peroxides.

2. Class 3 nondetonatable unstable (reactive) materials.

3. Pyrophoric gases.

4. Flammable or oxidizing gases.

5. Class I, II or III-A flammable or combustible liquids which are used in normally open containers or systems or in closed containers pressurized at more than 15-pounds-per-square-inch gauge.

EXCEPTION: Aerosols.

6. Combustible dusts in suspension or capable of being put into suspension in the atmosphere of the room or area.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Rooms or areas used for woodworking where no more than three fixed in-place woodworking appliances are utilized may be classified as a Group B, Division 2 Occupancy, provided the appliances are equipped with dust collectors

sufficient to remove dust generated by the appliance.

2. Lumberyards and similar retail stores utilizing only power saws may be classified as Group B, Division 2 Occupancies.

The building official may revoke the use of these exceptions for due cause.

7. Class 3 oxidizers.

Division 3. Occupancies with a quantity of material in the building in excess of those listed in Table No. 9-A which present a high fire or physical hazard, including, but not limited to:

1. Class II, III or IV organic peroxides.

2. Class 1 or 2 oxidizers.

3. Class I, II or III-A flammable liquids or combustible liquids which are utilized or stored in normally closed containers or systems and containers pressurized at 15-pounds-per-square-inch gauge or less and aerosols.

4. Class III-B combustible liquids.

5. Pyrophoric liquids or solids.

6. Water reactives.

7. Flammable solids, including combustible fibers or dusts, except for dusts included in Division 2 Occupancies.

8. Flammable or oxidizing cryogenic fluids (other than inert).

9. Class 1 unstable (reactive) gas or Class 2 unstable (reactive) materials.

Division 4. Repair garages not classified as Group B, Division 1 Occupancies.

Division 5. Aircraft repair hangars and heliports not classified as Group B, Division 3 Occupancies.

Division 6. Semiconductor fabrication facilities and comparable research and development areas when the facilities in which hazardous production materials (HPM) are used and the aggregate quantity of materials are in excess of those listed in Table No. 9-A or 9-B. Such facilities and areas shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Section 911.

Division 7. Occupancies having quantities of materials in excess of those listed in Table No. 9-B that are health hazards, including but not limited to:

1. Corrosives.

2. Highly toxic materials.

3. Irritants.

(b) Multiple Hazards. When a hazardous material has multiple hazards, all hazards shall be addressed and controlled in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(c) Liquid Use, Dispensing and Mixing Rooms. Rooms in which Class I, Class II and Class III-A flammable or combustible liquids are used, dispensed or mixed in open containers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements for a Group H, Division 2 Occupancy and the following:

1. Rooms in excess of 500 square feet shall have at least one exterior door approved for fire department access.

2. Rooms shall not exceed 1,000 square feet in area.

3. Rooms shall be separated from other areas by an occupancy separation having a fire-resistive rating of not less than one hour for rooms up to 150 square feet in area and not less than two hours where the room is more than 150 square feet in area. Separations from other occupancies shall not be less than required by Chapter 5, Table No. 5-B.

4. Shelving, racks and wainscoting in such areas shall be of non-combustible construction or wood not less than 1-inch nominal thickness.

5. Liquid use, dispensing and mixing rooms shall not be located in basements.

(d) Liquid Storage Rooms. Rooms in which Class I, Class II and Class III-A flammable or combustible liquids are stored in closed containers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements for a Group H, Division 3 Occupancy and to the following:

1. Rooms in excess of 500 square feet shall have at least one exterior door approved for fire department access.

2. Rooms shall be separated from other areas by an occupancy separation having a fire-resistive rating of not less than one hour for rooms up to 150 square feet in area and not less than two hours where the room is more than 150 square feet in area. Separations from other occupancies shall not be less than required by Chapter 5, Table No. 5-B.

3. Shelving, racks and wainscoting in such areas shall be of non-combustible construction or wood of not less than 1-inch nominal thickness.

4. Rooms used for the storage of Class I flammable liquids shall not be located in a basement.

(e) Flammable or Combustible Liquid Storage Warehouses. Liquid storage warehouses in which Class I, Class II and Class III-A flammable or combustible liquids are stored in closed containers shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements for a Group H, Division 3 Occupancy and the following:

1. Liquid storage warehouses shall be separated from all other uses by a four-hour area separation wall.

2. Shelving, racks and wainscoting in such warehouses shall be of noncombustible construction or wood not less than 1-inch nominal thickness.

3. Rooms used for the storage of Class I flammable liquids shall not be located in a basement.

(f) Requirement for Report. The building official may require a technical opinion and report to identify and develop methods of protection from the hazards presented by the hazardous material. The opinion and report shall be prepared by a qualified person, firm or corporation approved by the building official and shall be provided without charge to the enforcing agency.

The opinion and report may include, but is not limited to, the preparation of a hazardous material management plan (HMMP); chemical analysis; recommendations for methods of isolation, separation, containment or protection of hazardous materials or processes, including appropriate engineering controls to be applied; the extent of changes in the hazardous behavior to be anticipated under conditions of exposure to fire or from hazard control procedures; and the limitations or conditions of use necessary to achieve and maintain control of the hazardous materials or operations. The report shall be entered into the files of the code enforcement agencies. Proprietary and trade secret information shall be protected under the laws of the state or jurisdiction having authority.

EXCEPTION: When an HMMP is required, the applicant may submit the report(s) used for compliance with requirements of 40 CFR "Hazardous Chemical Reporting and Community Right-to-Know Regulations" under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA).

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-0902 CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT AND ALLOWABLE AREA. Section 902. (a) General. Buildings or parts of buildings classed in Group H because of the use or character of the occupancy shall be limited to the types of construction set forth in Tables Nos. 5-C and 5-D and shall not exceed, in area or height, the limits specified in Sections 505, 506 and 507.

(b) Floors. Except for surfacing, floors in areas containing hazardous materials and in areas where motor vehicles, boats, helicopters or airplanes are stored, repaired or operated shall be of non-combustible, liquid-tight construction.



**EXCEPTION:** In Group H, Divisions 4 and 5 Occupancies, floors may be surfaced or waterproofed with asphaltic paving materials in that portion of the facility where no repair work is done.

(c) **Spill Control.** When required by the Fire Code, floors shall be recessed a minimum of 4 inches or shall be provided with a liquid-tight raised sill with a minimum height of 4 inches so as to prevent the flow of liquids to adjoining areas. When liquid-tight sills are provided, they may be omitted at door openings by the installation of an open-grate trench which connects to the room drainage system.

(d) **Drainage.** When required by the Fire Code, the room, building or area shall be provided with a drainage system to direct the flow of liquids to an approved location or, the room, building or area shall be designed to provide secondary containment for the hazardous materials and fire-protection water.

Drains from the area shall be sized to carry the sprinkler system design flow rate over the sprinkler system design area. The slope of drains shall not be less than 1 percent. Materials of construction for the drainage system shall be compatible with the stored materials.

Incompatible materials shall be separated from each other in the drain systems. They may be combined when they have been rendered acceptable for discharge by an approved means into the public sewer. Drainage of spillage and fire-protection water directed to a neutralizer or treatment system shall comply with the following:

1. The system shall be designed to handle the maximum worst-case spill from the single largest container plus the volume of fire-protection water from the system over the minimum design area for a period of 20 minutes.

2. Overflow from the neutralizer or treatment system shall be provided to direct liquid leakage and fire-protection water to a safe location away from the building, any material or fire-protection control valve, means of egress, adjoining property, or fire department access roadway.

(e) **Containment.** When required by the Fire Code, drains shall be directed to a containment system or other location designed as secondary containment for the hazardous material liquids and fire-protection water, or the building, room or area shall be designed to provide secondary containment of hazardous material liquids and fire-protection water through the use of recessed floors or liquid-tight raised sills.

Secondary containment shall be designed to retain the spill from the largest single container plus the design flow rate of the sprinkler system for the area of the room or area in which the storage is located or the sprinkler system design area, whichever is smaller. The containment capacity shall be capable of containing the flow for a period of 20 minutes.

Overflow from the secondary containment system shall be provided to direct liquid leakage and fire-protection water to a safe location away from the building, any material or fire-protection control valve, means of egress, fire access roadway, adjoining property or storm drains.

If the storage area is open to rainfall, the secondary containment shall be designed to accommodate the volume of a 24-hour rainfall as determined by a 25-year storm.

When secondary containment is required, a monitoring method capable of detecting hazardous material leakage from the primary containment into the secondary containment shall be provided. When visual inspection of the primary containment is not practical, other approved means of monitoring may be provided. When secondary containment may be subject to the intrusion of water, a monitoring method for such water shall be provided. Whenever monitoring devices are provided, they shall be connected to distinct visual or audible alarms.

(f) **Smoke and Heat Vents.** Smoke and heat venting shall be provided in areas containing hazardous materials as set forth in the Fire Code in addition to the provisions of this code.

(g) Standby Power. A standby power system shall be provided for required mechanical exhaust ventilation, treatment, temperature control, liquid-level limit control, pressure control, alarm, and detection or other required electrically operated systems in Group H, Divisions 1, 2, and 3 Occupancies, and in Group H, Division 7 Occupancies in which there is use or storage of corrosives, highly toxic solids and liquids, irritants, sensitizers or other health hazard materials. For required systems, see the Fire Code. The standby power system shall be designed and installed in accordance with the Electrical Code to automatically supply power to all electrical equipment required by the Fire Code when the normal electrical supply system is interrupted.

(h) Emergency Power. An emergency power system shall be provided for required mechanical exhaust ventilation, treatment, temperature control, liquid-level limit control, pressure control, alarm and detection or other required electrically operated systems in Group H, Division 6 Occupancies, and in Group H, Division 7 Occupancies in which highly toxic or toxic gases are stored or used. For required systems, see the Fire Code. The emergency power system shall be designed and installed in accordance with the Electrical Code to automatically supply power to the exhaust ventilation system when the normal electrical supply system is interrupted.

(i) Special Provisions for Group H, Division 1 Occupancies. Group H, Division 1 Occupancies shall be in buildings used for no other purpose, without basements, crawl spaces or other under-floor spaces. Roofs shall be of lightweight construction with suitable thermal insulation to prevent sensitive material from reaching its decomposition temperature.

Group H, Division 1 Occupancies containing materials which are in themselves both physical and health hazards in quantities exceeding the exempt amounts in Table No. 9-8 shall comply with requirements for both Group H, Division 1 and Group H, Division 7 Occupancies.

(j) Special Provisions for Group H, Divisions 2 and 3 Occupancies. Group H, Divisions 2 and 3 Occupancies containing quantities of hazardous materials in excess of those set forth in Table No. 9-8 shall be in buildings used for no other purpose, shall not exceed one story in height and shall be without basements, crawl spaces or other under-floor spaces.

Group H, Division 3 Occupancies containing water-reactive materials shall be resistant to water penetration. Piping for conveying liquids shall not be over or through areas containing water reactives, unless isolated by approved liquid-tight construction.

EXCEPTION: Fire-protection piping may be installed over reactives without isolation.

(k) Special Provisions for Group H, Divisions 4 and 5 Occupancies. A Division 4 Occupancy having a floor area not exceeding 2,500 square feet may have exterior walls of not less than two-hour fire-resistive construction when less than 5 feet from a property line and of not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction when 5 feet or more but less than 20 feet from a property line.

(l) Special Provisions for Group H, Division 6 Occupancies. See Section 911.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1000 CHAPTER 10. Requirements for Group I Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1011 SUITE CONCEPT. Section 1011. Rooms within hospitals and nursing homes may be considered as an adjoining or intervening room when the nature of the rooms is such that the entire configuration functions as a single unit. Any suite of rooms other than patient sleeping rooms, may be subdivided with noncombustible and nonfire-rated walls. Suites shall comply with all of the following:

1. Suites shall not exceed 10,000 square feet in area except patient sleeping room suites shall not exceed 5,000 square feet in area.
2. The maximum travel distance from any point in the suite to a corridor door is limited to 50 feet or there is unrestricted access from patient treatment areas to a corridor with a maximum of one intervening room.
3. Suites of more than 1,000 square feet shall have at least two separate exits.
4. The main building exiting system shall not pass through the suite.
5. Suites shall be separated from the rest of the occupancy by at least a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation.
6. The entire building shall be provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system and supervised automatic smoke-detection system.
7. Each patient sleeping room in the suite shall be located to permit visual supervision by the facility staff.
8. Patient corridors (rated and nonrated) within the suite shall be not less than 8 feet in width except in mental health occupancies corridors shall be not less than 6 feet in width.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1200 CHAPTER 12. Requirements for Group R Occupancies.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1201 GROUP R OCCUPANCIES DEFINED. Section 1201. Group R Occupancies shall be:

- Division 1. Hotels and apartment houses.
- Congregate residences (each accommodating more than 10 persons).
- Division 2. Not used.
- Division 3. Dwellings, family child day care homes and lodging houses.

Congregate residences (each accommodating 10 persons or less).  
For occupancy separations, see Table No. 5-B.

A complete code for construction of detached one- and two-family dwellings is in Appendix Chapter 12 of this code. When adopted, as set forth in Section 103, it will take precedence over the requirements set forth in Parts I through X and Chapter 60 of this code.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1210 SMOKE DETECTORS AND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. Section 1210. (a) Smoke Detectors. 1. General. Dwelling units, congregated

residences and hotel or lodging house guest rooms that are used for sleeping purposes shall be provided with operable smoke detectors. Detectors shall be installed in accordance with the approved manufacturer's instructions.

2. Additions, alterations or repairs to Group R Occupancies. When the valuation of an addition, alteration or repair to a Group R Occupancy exceeds \$1000.00 and a permit is required, or when one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing Group R Occupancies, smoke detectors shall be installed in accordance with Subsections 3, 4 and 5 of this section.

3. Power source. In new construction, required smoke detectors shall receive their primary power from the building wiring when such wiring is served from a commercial source and shall be equipped with a battery backup. The detector shall emit a signal when the batteries are low. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than those required for overcurrent protection. Smoke detectors may be solely battery operated when installed in existing buildings, or in buildings without commercial power; or in buildings which undergo alterations, repairs or additions regulated by Subsection 2 of this section.

4. Location within dwelling units. In dwelling units, a detector shall be in each sleeping room and at a point centrally located in the corridor or area giving access to each separate sleeping area. When the dwelling unit has more than one story and in dwellings with basements, a detector shall be installed on each story and in the basement. In dwelling units where a story or basement is split into two or more levels, the smoke detector shall be installed on the upper level, except that when the lower level contains a sleeping area, a detector shall be installed on each level. When sleeping rooms are on an upper level, the detector shall be placed at the ceiling of the upper level in close proximity to the stairway. In dwelling units where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway serving the bedrooms exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches or more, smoke detectors shall be installed in the hallway and in the adjacent room. Detectors shall sound an alarm audible in all sleeping areas of the dwelling unit in which they are located.

5. Location in efficiency dwelling units, congregate residences and hotels. In efficiency dwelling units, hotel suites and in hotel and congregate residence sleeping rooms, detectors shall be located on the ceiling or wall of the mainroom or each sleeping room. When sleeping rooms within an efficiency dwelling unit or hotel suite are on an upper level, the detector shall be placed at the ceiling of the upper level in close proximity to the stairway. When actuated, the detector shall sound an alarm audible within the sleeping area of the dwelling unit, hotel suite or sleeping room in which it is located.

6. Location within family child day care homes. In family child day care homes operable detectors shall be located in all sleeping and napping areas. When the family child day care home has more than one story, and in family child day care homes with basements, an operable detector shall be installed on each story and in the basement. In family child day care homes where a story or basement is split into two or more levels, the smoke detector shall be installed in the upper level, except that when the lower level contains a sleeping or napping area, an operable detector shall be located on each level. When sleeping rooms are on an upper level, the detector shall be placed at the ceiling of the upper level in close proximity to the stairway. In family child day care homes where the ceiling height of a room open to the hallway serving the bedrooms exceeds that of the hallway by 24 inches or more, smoke detectors shall be installed in the hallway and the adjacent room. Detectors shall sound an alarm audible in all areas of the building.

(b) Sprinkler and Standpipe Systems. When required by other provisions of this code, automatic sprinkler systems and standpipes shall be installed as specified in Chapter 38.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1215 FAMILY CHILD DAY CARE HOMES. Section 1215. For family child day care homes with more than six children, each floor level used for family child day care purposes shall be served by two remote exits. Outside exit doors shall be operable from the inside without the use of keys or any special knowledge or effort.

Basements located more than four feet below grade level shall not be used for family child day care homes unless one of the following conditions exist:

(a) Exit stairways from the basement open directly to the exterior of the building without entering the first floor; or

(b) One of the two required exits discharges directly to the exterior from the basement level, and a self-closing door is installed at the top or bottom of the interior stair leading to the floor above; or

(c) One of the two required exits is an operable window or door, approved for emergency escape or rescue, that opens directly to a public street, public alley, yard or exit court is provided; or

(d) A residential sprinkler system is provided throughout the entire building in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 13d.

Floors located more than four feet above grade level shall not be occupied by children in family child day care homes.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Use of toilet facilities while under supervision of an adult staff person.

2. Family child day care homes may be allowed on the second story if one of the following conditions exist:

(a) Exit stairways from the second story open directly to the exterior of the building without entering the first floor; or

(b) One of the two required exits discharges directly to the exterior from the second story level, and a self-closing door is installed at the top or bottom of the interior stair leading to the floor below; or

(c) A residential sprinkler system is provided throughout the entire building in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 13d.

Every sleeping or napping room in a family child day care home shall have at least one operable window for emergency rescue.

EXCEPTION: Sleeping or napping rooms having doors leading to two separate exits ways, or a door leading directly to the exterior of the building.

Rooms or spaces containing a commercial-type cooking kitchen, boiler, maintenance shop, janitor closet, laundry, woodworking shop, flammable or combustible storage, or painting operation shall be separated from the family child day care area by at least one-hour fire-resistive construction.

EXCEPTION: A fire-resistive separation shall not be required where the food preparation kitchen contains only a domestic cooking range, and the preparation of food does not result in the production of smoke or grease laden vapors.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1223 DIVISION II. REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP R, DIVISION 4 AND DIVISION 5 OCCUPANCIES. General. Section 1223. (a) Purpose.

The purpose of this division is to provide minimum standards of safety for group care facilities.

(b) Scope. 1. General. The provisions of this division shall apply to buildings or portions thereof that are to be used for Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies.

2. Applicability of other provisions. Except as specifically required by this division, Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies shall meet all applicable provisions of this code. Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies need not be accessible to people with disabilities.

(c) Definitions. For the purpose of this division, certain terms are defined as follows:

GROUP R, DIVISION 4 OCCUPANCIES shall be residential group care facilities for ambulatory, nonrestrained persons who may have a mental or physical impairment (each accommodating more than five and not more than 16 clients or residents, excluding staff).

GROUP R, DIVISION 5 OCCUPANCIES shall be residential group care facilities for semi-ambulatory and nonambulatory, nonrestrained persons who have a mental or physical impairment (each accommodating more than five and not more than 16 clients or residents, excluding staff).

AMBULATORY PERSONS means persons physically and mentally capable of walking or traversing a normal path to safety, including the ascent and descent of stairs, and capable of self-preservation, without the physical assistance of another person.

NONAMBULATORY PERSONS means persons physically or mentally unable to walk or traverse a normal path to safety without the physical assistance of another person.

SEMI-AMBULATORY PERSONS means persons physically and mentally capable of traversing a normal path to safety with the use of mobility aids, but unable to ascend or descend stairs without the physical assistance of another person.

SEPARATE EXIT SYSTEM is a path of exit travel separated in such a manner from other required exits as to provide an atmospheric separation which precludes contamination by both paths by the same fire.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1224 CONSTRUCTION, HEIGHT AND ALLOWABLE AREA. Section 1224. (a) General. Buildings or portions of buildings classified as Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 shall meet the same construction, height and allowable area requirements as required for a Group R, Division 1 Occupancy.

(b) Special Provisions. (1) Residential or quick response standard sprinkler heads shall be used in all sprinkler systems installed in Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies.

(2) Group R, Division 4 Occupancies shall have installed an approved fully automatic fire-extinguishing system conforming to U.B.C. Standard No. 38-3.

EXCEPTION: In areas where adequate water supply is not available, on the approval of the building official a fully automatic fire-extinguishing system conforming to N.F.P.A. Standard 13-d may be used.

(3) All buildings classed as Group R, Division 5 shall:

(A) Have installed an approved fully automatic fire-extinguishing system conforming to UBC Standard No. 38-1; and,

(B) In buildings with individual floor areas over 6,000 square feet, have an approved smoke barrier dividing the floor into at least two compartments, provided that each compartment shall provide no less than 30 square feet per occupant; and,

(C) Be a minimum Type V, One-hour construction.

**EXCEPTION:** Buildings classified as Group R, Division 5 may be of Type V-N construction provided:

(i) The entire building has an interior wall and ceiling covering consisting of 1/2 inch gypsum wall board or an approved equal installed in accordance with Section 4711; and,

(ii) An approved smoke-detection system, supervised by an approved central, proprietary or remote station service, is installed throughout the entire structure and interconnected to the sprinkler system.

(D) Be equipped with an approved smoke detector and automatic shutoff in each single system providing heating and cooling air. Automatic shutoffs shall shut down the air-moving equipment when smoke is detected in a circulating airstream or as an alternate, when smoke is detected in rooms served by the system.

Where required, smoke detectors shall be installed in the main circulating-air duct ahead of any fresh air inlet, or installed in each room or space served by the return-air duct. Activation of any detector shall cause the air-moving equipment to automatically shut down.

(c) Mixed Occupancies. Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies shall be separated from Group M Occupancies by a four-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation and shall be separated from all other occupancies by a one-hour fire-resistive occupancy separation.

**EXCEPTIONS:** 1. An occupancy separation need not be provided between a Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 Occupancy and a carport having no enclosed uses above, provided the carport is entirely open on two or more sides.

2. In the one-hour occupancy separation between a Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 Occupancy and a Group M, Division 1 Occupancy, the separation may be limited to the installation of materials approved for one-hour fire-resistive construction on the garage side and a self-closing, tight-fitting solid-wood door 1 3/8 inch in thickness, or a self-closing tight-fitting door having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes when tested in accordance with Part II UBC Standard No. 43-2, which is part of this code, is permitted in lieu of a one-hour fire assembly. Fire dampers need not be installed in air ducts passing through the wall, floor or ceiling separating a Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 Occupancy from a Group M, Division 1 Occupancy, provided such ducts within the Group M Occupancy are constructed of steel having a thickness not less than 0.019 inch (No. 26 galvanized sheet gauge) and have no openings into the Group M Occupancy.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1225 LOCATION ON PROPERTY. Section 1225. Exterior walls located less than 3 feet from property lines shall be of one-hour fire-resistive construction. Openings shall not be permitted in exterior walls located less than 3 feet from property lines. For other requirements, see Section 504 and Part IV.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1226 EXITS AND EMERGENCY ESCAPES. Section 1226. (a) General. 1. Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies shall be provided with exits as required by this section and Chapter 33 of this code.

2. All Group R, Division 5 Occupancies located above the first floor shall have at least two exits directly to the exterior of the building, or into separate exit systems in accordance with Section 3309(a) and this chapter.

(b) Exits Required. 1. Number of exits. Every story, basement or portion thereof housing a Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 Occupancy shall have not less than two exits.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Basements used exclusively for the service of the building may have one exit. For the purpose of this exception, storage rooms, laundry rooms, maintenance offices and similar uses shall not be considered as providing service to the building.

2. Storage rooms, laundry rooms and maintenance offices not exceeding 300 square feet in floor area may be provided with only one exit.

2. Distance to exits. The maximum travel distance specified in Chapter 33 shall be reduced by 50 percent.

(c) Corridor Width. Corridors shall be not less than 36 inches in width.

(d) Stairways. Stairways shall be constructed as required by Section 3306 of this code.

EXCEPTION: In buildings that are converted to a Group R, Division 4 or Division 5 Occupancy, existing stairways may have an 8-inch maximum rise and 9-inch minimum run. Existing stairways may be 30 inches in width in Group R, Division 4 Occupancies, and 36 inches in width in Group R, Division 5 Occupancies.

(e) Emergency Exit Illumination. In the event of power failure, exit illumination shall be automatically provided from an emergency system. Emergency systems shall be supplied from storage batteries or an on-site generator set and the system shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Electrical Code.

(f) Emergency Escape. Every sleeping room shall be provided with emergency escape or rescue facilities as required by Section 1204 of this code.

(g) Exit doors shall be openable from the inside with one motion and without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1227 LIGHT, VENTILATION AND SANITATION. Section 1227. Light, ventilation and sanitation shall be as specified in Section 1205.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1228 YARDS AND COURTS. Section 1228. Yards and courts shall be as specified in Section 1206.



NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1229 ROOM DIMENSIONS. Section 1229. Room dimensions shall be as specified in Section 1207.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1230 SECTION 1230. No requirements.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1231 SHAFT ENCLOSURES. Section 1231. Exits shall be enclosed as specified in Chapter 33.

Elevator shafts, vent shafts, dumbwaiter shafts, clothes chutes and other vertical openings shall be enclosed and the enclosure shall be as specified in Section 1706.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1232 FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS. Section 1232. An approved automatic and manual fire alarm system, supervised by an approved central, proprietary or remote station service, shall be provided in Group R, Division 4 and Division 5 Occupancies in accordance with Article 14 of the Fire Code.

EXCEPTION: Heat detectors need not be provided where an approved automatic sprinkler system that is interconnected to the fire alarm system is provided throughout the building.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1233 HEATING. Section 1233. All habitable rooms shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 70° F. at a point 3 feet above the floor.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1234 SPECIAL HAZARDS. Section 1234. (a) Heating Equipment. All heating equipment shall be permanently installed. Chimneys and heating apparatus shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 37 of this code and the Mechanical Code.

(b) Flammable Liquids. The storage and handling of gasoline, fuel oil or other flammable liquids shall be in accordance with the Fire Code.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1800 CHAPTER 18. Type I Fire-resistive Buildings.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-1807 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR GROUP B, DIVISION 2 OFFICE BUILDINGS AND GROUP R, DIVISION 1 OCCUPANCIES. Section 1807. (a) Scope. This section applies to all Group B, Division 2 office and Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, each having floors used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department access. Such buildings shall be provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 1807(c).

(b) Certificate of Occupancy. All mechanical and electrical equipment and other required life safety systems shall be approved and installed in accordance with approved plans and specifications pursuant to this section and shall be tested and proved to be in proper working condition to the satisfaction of the building official before issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. Such system shall be maintained in accordance with the Fire Code.

(c) Automatic Sprinkler System. 1. System design. The automatic sprinkler system shall be provided throughout the building. The sprinkler system shall be designed using the parameters set forth in U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1 and the following:

A. Shutoff valves and a water-flow device shall be provided for each floor. The sprinkler riser may be combined with the standpipe riser.

B. In Seismic Zones Nos. 2, 3 and 4, in addition to the main water supply, a secondary on-site supply of water equal to the hydraulically calculated sprinkler design demand plus 100 gallons per minute additional for the total standpipe system shall be provided. This supply shall be automatically available if the principal supply fails and shall have a duration of 30 minutes.

2. Modifications. The following modifications of code requirements are permitted:

A. The fire-resistive time periods set forth in Table No. 17-A may be reduced by one hour for interior bearing walls, exterior bearing and nonbearing walls, roofs and the beams supporting roofs, provided they do not frame into columns. Vertical shafts other than stairway enclosures and elevator shafts may be reduced to one hour when sprinklers are installed within the shafts at alternate floors. The fire-resistive time period reduction as specified herein shall not apply to exterior bearing and nonbearing walls whose fire-resistive rating has already been reduced under the exceptions contained within Section 1803(a) or 1903(a).

B. Except for corridors in Group B, Division 2 and Group R, Division 1 Occupancies and partitions separating dwelling units or guest rooms, all interior nonbearing partitions required to be one-hour fire-resistive construction by Table No. 17-A may be of noncombustible construction without a fire-resistive time period.

C. Travel distance from the most remote point in the floor area to a horizontal exit or to an enclosed stairway may be 300 feet.

D. Fire dampers, other than those needed to protect floor-ceiling assemblies to maintain the fire resistance of the assembly, are not required.

E. Emergency windows required by Section 1204 are not required.

(d) Smoke-detection Systems. At least one approved smoke detector suitable for the intended use shall be installed:

1. In every mechanical equipment, electrical, transformer, telephone equipment, elevator machine or similar room.

2. In the main return- and exhaust-air plenum of each air-conditioning system and located in a serviceable area downstream of the last duct inlet.

3. At each connection to a vertical duct or riser serving two or more stories from a return-air duct or plenum of an air-conditioning system. In Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, an approved smoke detector may be used in each return-air riser carrying not more than 5,000 cfm and serving not more than 10 air inlet openings.

The actuation of any detector required by this section shall operate the voice alarm system and shall place into operation all equipment necessary to prevent the recirculation of smoke.

(e) Alarm and Communication Systems. The alarm and communication systems shall be designed and installed so that damage to any terminal unit or speaker will not render more than one zone of the system inoperative.

The voice alarm and public address system may be a combined system. When approved by the fire department, a communications system may be combined with the voice alarm system and the public address system.

Three communication systems which may be combined as set forth above shall be provided as follows:

1. Voice alarm system. The operation of any smoke detector, sprinkler, waterflow device or manual fire alarm station shall automatically sound an alert signal to the desired areas followed by voice instructions giving appropriate information and direction to the occupants.

The central control station shall contain controls for the voice alarm system so that a selective or general voice alarm may be manually initiated.

The system shall be supervised to cause the activation of an audible trouble signal in the central control station upon interruption or failure of the audiopath including amplifiers, speaker wiring, switches and electrical contacts and shall detect opens, shorts and grounds which might impair the function of the system.

The alarm shall be designed to be heard clearly by all occupants within the building or designated portions thereof as is required for the public address system.

2. Public address system. A public address communication system designed to be clearly heard by all occupants of the building shall operate from the central control station. It shall be established on a selective or general basis to the following terminal areas:

- A. Elevators.
- B. Elevator lobbies.
- C. Corridors.
- D. Exit stairways.
- E. Rooms and tenant spaces exceeding 1,000 square feet in area.
- F. Dwelling units in apartment houses.
- G. Hotel guest rooms or suites.

3. Fire department communication system. A two-way fire department communication system shall be provided for fire department use. It shall operate between the central control station and elevators, elevator lobbies, emergency and standby power rooms and at entries into enclosed stairways.

(f) Central Control Station. A central control station for fire department operations shall be provided. The location, size and arrangement of the central control station room shall be approved by the authority having jurisdiction. It shall contain the following as a minimum:

1. The voice alarm and public address system panels.
2. The fire department communications panel.
3. Fire-detection and alarm system annunciator panels.
4. Annunciator visually indicating the location of the elevators and whether they are operational.
5. Status indicators and controls for air-handling systems.
6. Controls for unlocking all stairway doors simultaneously.
7. Sprinkler valve and water-flow detector display panels.
8. Emergency and standby power controls and status indicators.
9. A telephone for fire department use with controlled access to the public telephone system.
10. Fire pump status indicators.

11. Schematic building plans indicating the typical floor plan and detailing the building core, exit facilities, fire-protection systems, fire-fighting equipment and fire department access.

12. Work table.

All control panels in the central control station shall be permanently identified as to function.

Alarm, supervisory and trouble signals as required by Items 3 and 7 above shall be annunciated in compliance with the Fire Code in the central control station by means of an audible and visual indicator. For purposes of annunciation, zoning shall be in accordance with the following:

1. When the system serves more than one building, each building shall be considered separately.

2. Each floor shall be considered a separate zone. When one or more sprinkler risers serve the same floor, each riser shall be considered a separate zone.

EXCEPTION: When more than one riser serves the same system on the floor.

(g) Smoke Control. Natural or mechanical ventilation for the removal of products of combustion shall be provided in every story and shall consist of one of the following:

1. Easily identifiable, manually operable windows or panels shall be distributed around the perimeter of the building at not more than 50-foot intervals. The area of operable windows or panels shall not be less than 20 square feet per 50 linear feet of perimeter.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. In Group R, Division 1 hotel occupancies, each guest room or suite having an exterior wall may be provided with 2 square feet of venting area in lieu of the area specified above.

2. Windows may be of fixed tempered glass provided that no coating or film is applied which will modify the natural breaking characteristics of the glass.

2. When a complete and approved automatic sprinkler system is installed, the mechanical air-handling equipment may be designed to accomplish smoke removal. Under fire conditions, the return and exhaust air shall be moved directly to the outside without recirculation to other sections of the building. The air-handling system shall provide a minimum of one exhaust air change each 10 minutes for the area involved.

3. Any other approved design which will produce equivalent results.

(h) Elevators. Elevators and elevator lobbies shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 51 and the following:

NOTE: A bank of elevators is a group of elevators or a single elevator controlled by a common operating system; that is, all those elevators which respond to a single call button constitute a bank of elevators. There is no limit on the number of cars which may be in a bank or group but there may not be more than four cars within a common hoistway.

1. Elevators on all floors shall open into elevator lobbies which are separated from the remainder of the building, including corridors and other exits, by walls extending from the floor to the underside of the fire-resistive floor or roof above. Such walls shall not be of less than one-hour fire-resistive construction. Openings through such walls shall conform to Section 3305(h).

EXCEPTIONS: 1. The main entrance level elevator lobby in office buildings.

2. Elevator lobbies located within an atrium complying with the provisions of Section 1715.

3. In fully sprinklered office buildings, corridors may

lead through enclosed elevator lobbies if all areas of the building have access to at least one required exit without passing through the elevator lobby.

2. Each elevator lobby shall be provided with an approved listed smoke detector located on the lobby ceiling. When the detector is activated, elevator doors shall not open and all cars serving that lobby are to return to the main floor and be under manual control only. If the main floor detector or a transfer floor detector is activated, all cars serving the main floor or transfer floor shall return to a location approved by the fire department and building official and be under manual control only. The detector may serve to close the lobby doors and additional doors at the hoistway opening allowed in Section 5106.

3. Elevator hoistways shall not be vented through an elevator machine room. Cable slots entering the machine room shall be sleeved beneath the machine room floor and extend to not less than 12 inches below the shaft vent to inhibit the passage of smoke into the machine room.

(i) Standby Power, Light and Emergency Systems. 1. Standby power. Standby power-generating system conforming to U.B.C. Standard No. 18-1, which is a part of this code (see Chapter 60, Part II), shall be provided. The system shall be equipped with suitable means for automatically starting the generator set upon failure of the normal electrical supply systems and for automatic transfer of all functions required by this section at full power within 60 seconds of such normal service failure. System supervision with manual start and transfer override features shall be provided at the central control station.

An on-premises fuel supply sufficient for not less than two hours' full-demand operation of the system shall be provided.

The standby system shall have a capacity and rating that would supply all equipment required to be operational at the same time. The generating capacity need not be sized to operate all the connected electrical equipment simultaneously.

All power, lighting, signal and communication facilities specified in Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this section, as applicable; fire pumps required to maintain pressure, standby lighting and normal circuits supplying exit signs and exit illumination shall be transferable to the standby source.

2. Standby lighting. Standby lighting shall be provided as follows:

A. Separate lighting circuits and fixtures sufficient to provide light with an intensity of not less than one footcandle measured at floor level in all exit corridors, stairways, smokeproof enclosures, elevator cars and lobbies and other areas which are clearly a part of the escape route.

B. All circuits supply lighting for the central control station and mechanical equipment room.

3. Emergency systems. The following are classified as emergency systems and shall operate within 10 seconds of failure of the normal power supply:

A. Exit sign and exit illumination as required by Sections 3313 and 3314.

B. Elevator car lighting.

(j) Exits. Exits shall comply with other requirements of this code and the following:

1. All stairway doors which are locked from the stairway side shall have the capability of being unlocked simultaneously without unlatching upon a signal from the central control station.

2. A telephone or other two-way communications system connected to an approved emergency service which operates continuously shall be provided at not less than every fifth floor in each required stairway where other provisions of this code permit the doors to be locked.

(k) Seismic Considerations. In Seismic Zones Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the anchorage of mechanical and electrical equipment required for

life-safety systems, including fire pumps and elevator drive and suspension systems, shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of Section 2330.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-2300 GENERAL DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-2312 DEFINITIONS FOR WIND DESIGN. Section 2312. The following definitions apply only to this part:

BASIC WIND SPEED is the fastest-mile wind speed associated with an annual probability of 0.02 measured at a point 33 feet above the ground for an area having exposure category C.

EXPOSURE B has terrain with buildings, forest or surface irregularities 20 feet or more in height covering at least 20 percent of the area extending one mile or more from the site.

EXPOSURE C has terrain which is flat and generally open, extending one-half mile or more from the site in any full quadrant.

EXPOSURE D represents the most severe exposure in areas with basic wind speeds greater than 80 miles per hour (mph) and has terrain which is flat and unobstructed facing large bodies of water over one mile or more in width relative to any quadrant of the building site. Exposure D extends inland from the shoreline 1/4 mile or 10 times the building height, whichever is greater.

FASTEST-MILE WIND SPEED is the wind speed obtained from wind velocity maps prepared by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and is the highest sustained average wind speed based on the time required for a mile-long sample of air to pass a fixed point.

OPEN STRUCTURE or STORY is a partially enclosed structure that has a greater area of exterior wall openings on any one wall than the sum of the areas of the openings on all the other walls and has more than 15 percent of the wall area open. All windows and doors or other openings in exterior walls shall be considered as openings unless such openings and their frames are specifically detailed and designed to resist the loads on elements and components in accordance with the provisions of this section.

SPECIAL WIND REGION is an area where local records and terrain features indicate 50-year fastest-mile basic wind speed is higher than shown in Figure No. 23-1.

UNENCLOSED STRUCTURE or STORY is a structure which has openings on two or more sides but the sum of the areas of openings in each side is within 15 percent or less of each other.

NEW SECTION

## WAC 51-20-2700 CHAPTER 27. Steel.

NEW SECTION

## WAC 51-20-2710 STEEL STRUCTURES RESISTING FORCES INDUCED BY EARTHQUAKE MOTIONS IN SEISMIC ZONES NOS. 3 AND 4. Section 2710.

Sec. 2710. (a) **General.** Design and construction of steel framing in lateral-force-resisting systems in Seismic Zones Nos. 3 and 4 shall conform to the requirements of the code and to the requirements of this section.

(b) **Definitions.**

**ALLOWABLE STRESSES** are prescribed in U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15.

**CHEVRON BRACING** is that form of bracing where a pair of braces located either above or below a beam terminates at a single point within the clear beam span.

**CONNECTION** is the group of elements that connect the member to the joint.

**DIAGONAL BRACING** is that form of bracing that diagonally connects joints at different levels.

**ECCENTRICALLY BRACED FRAME (EBF)** is that form of braced frame where at least one end of each brace intersects a beam at a point away from the column girder joint.

**GIRDER** is the horizontal member in a seismic frame. The words beam and girder may be used interchangeably.

**JOINT** is the entire assemblage at the intersections of the members.

**K BRACING** is that form of bracing where a pair of braces located on one side of a column terminates at a single point within the clear column height.

**LINK BEAM** is that part of a beam in an eccentrically braced frame which is designed to yield in shear and/or bending so that buckling of the bracing members is prevented.

**STRENGTH** is the strength as prescribed in Section 2710 (d) 2.

**V BRACING** is that form of chevron bracing that intersects a beam from above and inverted V bracing is that form of chevron bracing that intersects a beam from below.

**X BRACING** is that form of bracing where a pair of diagonal braces cross near midlength of the bracing members.

(c) **Symbols and Notations.** The symbols and notations unique to this section are as follows:

$M_P$  = plastic moment.

$P_{DL}$  = axial dead load.

$P_E$  = axial load on member due to earthquake.

$P_{LL}$  = axial live load.

$P_{sc}$  = compressive axial strength of member.

$P_{st}$  = tensile axial strength of member.

$V_s$  = shear strength of member.

$Z$  = plastic section modulus.

(d) **Materials.** 1. Structural steel used in lateral-force-resisting systems shall conform to A 36, A 441, A 500, A 501, A 572 (Grades 42 and 50) and A 588. Structural steel conforming to A 283 (Grade D) may be used for base plates and anchor bolts.

**EXCEPTION:** Other steels permitted in this code may be used for the following:

A. One-story buildings.

B. Light-framed wall systems in accordance with Section 2710 (j).

2. **Member strength.** Where this section requires that the strength of the member be developed, the following shall be used:

	STRENGTH
Flexure	$M_s = ZF_y$
Shear	$V_s = 0.55 F_y A_t$
Axial compression	$P_{sc} = 1.7 F_u A$
Axial tension	$P_{st} = F_y A$
Connectors	
Full-penetration welds	$F_y A$
Partial penetration welds	1.7 Allowable
Bolts and fillet welds	1.7 Allowable

Members need not be compact unless otherwise required by this section.

(e) **Column requirements.** 1. **Column strength.** Columns shall satisfy the load combinations required by Section 2303 (f) at allowable stress limits, with stress increases allowed by Section 2303 (d). In addition, in Seismic Zones Nos. 3 and 4, columns in frames shall have the strength to resist the axial loads resulting from the load combinations in Items A and B following.

A. Axial Compression

$$1.0 P_{DL} + 0.7 P_{LL} + 3(R_w/8)P_E$$

B. Axial Tension

$$0.85 P_{DL} + 3(R_w/8)P_E$$

**EXCEPTION:** The axial load combination as outlined in Items A and B above:

A. Need not exceed either the maximum force that can be transferred to the column, by elements of the structure, or the limit as determined by the overturning uplift which the foundation is capable of resisting.

B. Need not apply to columns in moment-resisting frames complying with Formulas (10-3a) or (10-3b) where  $f_u$  is equal to or less than  $0.3 F_y$  for all load combinations.

The load combinations from Items A and B need be used only when specifically referred to.

2. **Column splices.** Column splices shall have sufficient strength to develop the column forces determined from Section 2710 (e) 1. Welded column splices subject to net tensile forces shall comply with the more critical of the following:

A. Partial penetration welds shall be designed to resist 150 percent of the force determined from Section 2710 (c) 1 B.

B. Welding shall develop not less than 50 percent of the flange area strength of the smaller column.

Splices employing partial penetration welds shall be located at least three feet from girder flanges.

3. **Slenderness evaluation.** This paragraph is applicable when the provisions are applied to the effective length determination of columns of moment frames resisting earthquake forces. In the plane of the earthquake forces the factor  $K$  may be taken as unity when all of the following conditions are met:

A. The column is either continuous or is fixed at each joint.

B. The maximum axial compressive stress,  $f_a$ , does not exceed  $0.4 F_y$  under design loads.

C. The calculated story drift ratios are less than the values given in Section 2334 (h).

(f) **Ordinary Moment Frame Requirements.** Girder-to-column connections of ordinary moment frames shall meet the requirements of Section 2710 (g) 1 unless it can be shown that they are capable of resisting the combination of gravity loads and  $3(R_w/8)$  times the design seismic forces.

(g) **Special Moment-resisting Frame (SMRF) Requirements.** 1. **Girder-to-column connection.** A. **Required strength.** The girder-to-column connection shall be adequate to develop the lesser of the following:

(i) The strength of the girder in flexure.

(ii) The moment corresponding to development of the panel zone shear strength as determined from Formula (10-1).

**EXCEPTION:** Where a connection is not designed to contribute flexural resistance at the joint, it need not develop the required strength if it can be shown to meet the deformation compatibility requirements of Section 2337 (4) 4.

B. **Connection strength.** The girder-to-column connection may be considered to be adequate to develop the flexural strength of the girder if it conforms to the following:

(i) The flanges have full-penetration butt welds to the columns.

(ii) The girder web-to-column connection shall be capable of resisting the girder shear determined for the combination of gravity loads and the seismic shear forces which result from compliance with Section 2710 (g) 2 A. This connection strength need not exceed that required to develop gravity loads plus  $3(R_w/8)$  times the girder shear resulting from the prescribed seismic forces.

Where the flexural strength of the girder flanges is greater than 70 percent of the flexural strength of the entire section (i.e.,  $b_f(d-t_f)F_y > 0.7Z_x F_y$ ) the web connection may be made by means of welding or high-strength bolting.

For girders not meeting the criteria in the paragraph above, the girder web-to-column connection shall be made by means of welding the web directly or through shear tabs to the column. That welding shall have a strength capable of developing at least 20 percent of the flexural strength of the girder web. The girder shear shall be resisted by means of additional welds or friction-type slip-critical high-strength bolts or both.

C. **Alternate connection.** Connection configurations utilizing welds or high-strength bolts not conforming with paragraph B above may be used if they are shown by test or calculation to meet the criteria in paragraph A above. Where conformance is shown by calculation, 125 percent of the strengths of the connecting elements may be used.

D. **Flange detail limitations.** For steel whose specified ultimate strength is less than 1.5 times the specified yield strength, plastic hinges shall not form at locations in which the beam flange area has been reduced, such as for bolt holes. Bolted connections of flange plates of beam-column joints shall have the net-to-gross area ratio  $A_e/A_g$  equal to or greater than  $1.2 F_y/F_u$ .



2. **Panel zone. A. Strength.** The panel zone of the joint shall be capable of resisting the moments induced by beam bending moments due to gravity loads plus 1.85 times the prescribed seismic forces, but the shear strength need not exceed that required to develop  $0.8\Sigma M_x$  of the girders framing into the column flanges at the joint. The joint panel zone shear strength may be obtained from the following formula:

$$V = 0.55 F_y d_c t \left[ 1 + \frac{3b_c t_{cf}^2}{d_b d_c t} \right] \quad (10-1)$$

**WHERE:**

- $t$  = the total thickness of the joint panel zone including doubler plates.
- $d_b$  = the depth of the beam.
- $d_c$  = the column depth.
- $t_{cf}$  = is the thickness of the column flange.

**B. Thickness.** The panel zone thickness,  $t_z$ , shall conform to the following formula:

$$t_z \geq (d_z + w_z)/90 \quad (10-2)$$

**WHERE:**

- $d_z$  = the panel zone depth between continuity plates.
- $w_z$  = the panel zone width between column flanges.

For this purpose,  $t_z$  shall not include any double plate thickness unless the doubler plate is connected to the column web with plug welds adequate to prevent local buckling of the plate.

**C. Doubler plates.** Doubler plates provided to reduce panel zone shear stress or to reduce the web depth thickness ratio shall be placed not more than  $1/16$  inch from the column web and shall be welded across the plate width top and bottom with at least a  $3/16$ -inch fillet weld. They shall be either butt or fillet welded to the column flanges to develop the shear strength of the doubler plate. Weld strength shall be as given in Section 2710 (d) 2.

**3. Flange width-thickness ratio.** Girders shall comply with U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15, except that the flange width-thickness ratio,  $b_f/2t_f$ , shall not exceed  $52/\sqrt{F_y}$ .

**4. Continuity plates.** When determining the need for girder tension flange continuity plates, the value of  $P_{bf}$  in U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15 shall be taken as  $1.8 (b_f)F_{yb}$ .

**5. Strength ratio.** At any moment frame joint, the following relationships shall be satisfied:

$$\Sigma Z_c (F_{yc} - f_a) / \Sigma Z_b F_{yb} > 1.0 \quad (10-3a)$$

or

$$\Sigma Z_c (F_{yc} - f_a) / 1.25 \Sigma M_{pz} > 1.0 \quad (10-3b)$$

**WHERE:**

$f_a > 0$

$M_{pz}$  = the sum of beam moments when panel zone shear strength reaches the value specified in Formula (10-1).

**EXCEPTION:** Columns meeting the compactness limitations for beams given in Section 2710 (g) 3 need not comply with this requirement provided they conform to one of the following conditions:

A. Columns with  $f_a$  less than  $0.4 F_y$  for all load combinations other than loads specified in Section 2710 (e) 1, and

(i) Which are used in the top story of a multistory building with building period greater than 0.7 second; or

(ii) Where the sum of their resistance is less than 20 percent of the shear in a story, and is less than 33 percent of the shear on each of the column lines within that story. A column line is defined for the purpose of this exception as a single line of columns,

or parallel lines of columns located within 10 percent of the plan dimension perpendicular to the line of columns; or

(iii) When the design for combined axial compression and bending is proportioned to satisfy U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15 without the one-third permissible stress increase.

B. Columns in any story which have lateral shear strength 50 percent greater than that of the story above.

C. Columns which lateral shear strengths are not included in the design to resist code-required shears.

**6. Trusses in SMRF.** Trusses may be used as horizontal members in SMRF if the sum of the truss seismic force flexural strength exceeds the sum of the column seismic force flexural strength immediately above and below the truss by a factor of at least 1.25. For this determination the strengths of the members shall be reduced by the gravity load effects. In buildings of more than one story, the column axial stress shall not exceed  $0.4 F_y$  and the ratio of the unbraced column height to the least radius of gyration shall not exceed 60. Columns shall have allowable stresses reduced 25 percent when one end frames into a truss, and 50 percent when both ends frame into trusses. The connection of the truss chords to the column shall develop the lesser of the following:

A. The strength of the truss chord.

B. The chord force necessary to develop 125 percent of the flexural strength of the column.

7. **Girder-column. . . . .it restraint. A. Restrained joint.** Where it can be shown that the columns of SMRF remain elastic, the flanges of the columns need be laterally supported only at the level of the girder top flange.

Columns may be assumed to remain elastic if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i) The ratio in Formula (10-3a) or (10-3b) is greater than 1.25.
- (ii) The flexural strength of the column is at least 1.25 times the moment that corresponds to the panel zone shear strength.
- (iii) Girder flexural strength or panel zone strength will limit column stress ( $f_a + f_{bx} + f_{by}$ ) to  $F_y$  of the column.
- (iv) The column will remain elastic under gravity loads plus  $3(R_w/8)$  times the prescribed seismic forces.

Where the column cannot be shown to remain elastic, the column flanges shall be laterally supported at the levels of the girder top and bottom flanges. The column flange lateral support shall be capable of resisting a force equal to one percent of the girder flange capacity at allowable stresses and at a limiting displacement perpendicular to the frame of 0.2 inch. Required bracing members may brace the column flanges directly or indirectly through the column web or the girder flanges.

**B. Unrestrained joint.** Columns without lateral support transverse to a joint shall conform to the requirements of U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15, with the column considered as pin ended and the length taken as the distance between lateral supports conforming with A above. The column stress,  $f_a$ , shall be determined from gravity loads plus the lesser of the following:

- (i)  $3(R_w/8)$  times the prescribed seismic forces.
- (ii) The forces corresponding to either 125 percent of the girder flexural strength or the panel zone shear strength.

The stress  $f_{by}$ , shall include the effects of the bracing force specified in Section 2710 (g) 7 A and P  $\Delta$ .

$l/r$  for such columns shall not exceed 60.

At truss frames the column shall be braced at each truss chord for a lateral force equal to one percent of the compression yield strength of the chord.

8. **Beam bracing.** Both flanges of beams shall be braced directly or indirectly. The beam bracing between column center lines shall not exceed  $96r_y$ . In addition, braces shall be placed at concentrated loads where a hinge may form.

9. **Changes in beam flange area.** Abrupt changes in beam flange area are not permitted within possible plastic hinge regions of special moment-resistant frames.

10. **Moment frame drift calculations.** Moment frame drift calculations shall include bending and shear contributions from the clear girder and column spans, column axial deformation and the rotation and distortion of the panel zone.

**EXCEPTIONS:** 1. Drift calculations may be based on column and girder center lines where either of the following conditions is met:

A. It can be demonstrated that the drift so computed for frames of similar configuration is typically within 15 percent of that determined above.

B. The column panel zone strength can develop  $0.8 S M_s$  of girders framing to the column flanges at the joint.

2. Column axial deformations may be neglected if they contribute less than 10 percent to the total drift.

(h) **Requirements for Braced Frames. 1. General.** The provisions of this section apply to all braced frames except eccentrically braced frames (EBF) designed in accordance with Section 2710 (i). Those members which resist seismic forces totally or partially by shear or flexure shall be designed in accordance with Section 2710 (g) except Subsection 3.

2. **Bracing members. A. Slenderness.** In Seismic Zones Nos. 3 and 4, the  $l/r$  ratio for bracing members shall not exceed  $720/\sqrt{F_y}$  except as permitted in Subsections 5 and 6 below.

B. **Stress reduction.** The allowable stress,  $F_{as}$ , for bracing members resisting seismic forces in compression shall be determined from the following formula:

$$F_{as} = BF_a \quad (10-4)$$

WHERE:

$F_a$  = the allowable axial compressive stress allowed in U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15.

$B$  = the stress-reduction factor determined from the following formula:

$$B = 1/[1 + Kl/r/2C_u] \quad (10-5)$$

**C. Lateral force distribution.** The seismic lateral force along any line of bracing shall be distributed to the various members so that neither the sum of the horizontal components of the forces in members acting in tension nor the sum of the horizontal components of forces in members acting in compression exceed 70 percent of the total force.

**EXCEPTION:** Where compression bracing acting alone has the strength, neglecting the strength-reduction factor  $B$ , to resist  $3(R_w/8)$  times the prescribed seismic force such distribution is not required.

A line of bracing is defined, for the purpose of this provision, as a single line or parallel lines within 10 percent of the dimension of the structure perpendicular to the line of bracing.

D. Built-up members. The  $l/r$  of individual parts of built-up bracing members between: . . . , when computed about a line perpendicular to the . . . through the parts, shall not be greater than 75 percent of the  $l/r$  of the member as a whole.

E. Compression elements in braces. The width-thickness ratio of stiffened and unstiffened compression elements used in braces shall be as shown in U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15.

3. Bracing connections. A. Forces. Bracing connections shall have the strength to resist the lesser of the following:

- (i) The tensile strength of the bracing.
- (ii)  $3(R_w/8)$  times the force in the brace due to the prescribed seismic forces.
- (iii) The maximum force that can be transferred to the brace by the system.

Beam-to-column connections for beams that are part of the bracing system shall have the capacity to transfer the force determined above.

B. Net area. In bolted brace connections, the ratio of effective net section area to gross section area shall satisfy the formula:

$$\frac{A_e}{A_g} \geq \frac{1.2 \alpha F^*}{F_u} \quad (10-6)$$

WHERE:

$A_e$  = effective net area as defined in Section 2711 (b) 2.

$F^*$  = stress in brace as determined in Section 2710 (h) 3 A.

$F_u$  = minimum tensile strength.

$\alpha$  = fraction of the member force from Section 2710 (h) 2 A that is transferred across a particular net section.

4. Bracing configuration. A. Chevron bracing. Chevron bracing shall conform with the following:

- (i) Bracing members shall be designed for 1.5 times the otherwise prescribed forces.
- (ii) The beam intersected by chevron braces shall be continuous between columns.
- (iii) Where chevron braces intersect a beam from below, i.e., inverted V brace, the beam shall be capable of supporting all tributary gravity loads presuming the bracing not to exist.

EXCEPTION: This limitation need not apply to penthouses, one-story buildings or the top story of buildings.

B. K bracing. K bracing is prohibited except as permitted in Subsection 5 below.

5. One- and two-story buildings. Braced frames not meeting the requirements of Section 2710 (h) 2 and 4 may be used in buildings not over two stories in height and in roof structures as defined in Chapter 36 if the braces have the strength to resist  $3(R_w/8)$  times the code equivalent static forces.

6. Nonbuilding structures. Nonbuilding structures with  $R_w$  values defined by Table No. 23-Q need comply only with the provisions of Section 2710 (h) 3.

(i) Eccentrically Braced Frame (EBF) Requirements. Eccentrically braced frames shall be designed in accordance with the following:

1. Link beam. There shall be a link beam provided at least at one end of each brace. Beams in EBFs shall comply with the requirements of U.B.C. Standard No. 27-15, except that the flange width-thickness ratio,  $b_f/2t_f$ , shall not exceed  $52/\sqrt{F_y}$ .

2. Link beam strength. A. Link beam shear strength,  $V_s$ , and flexural strength,  $M_s$ , are the strengths as defined in Section 2710 (d) 2. Where link beam strength is governed by shear, the flexural and axial capacities within the link shall be calculated using the beam flanges only.

B. A reduced flexural strength,  $M_{rs}$ , for use in Section 2710 (i) 7 and 12 is defined as  $Z(F_y - f_a)$ . Where  $f_a$  is less than  $0.15F_y$ ,  $f_a$  may be neglected.

3. Link beam rotation. The rotation of the link segment relative to the rest of the beam, at a total frame drift of  $3(R_w/8)$  times the drift determined for prescribed seismic forces, shall not exceed the following:

- A. 0.060 radians for link segments having clear lengths of  $1.6 M_s/V_s$  or less.
- B. 0.015 radians for link segments having clear lengths of  $2.6 M_s/V_s$  or greater.
- C. A value obtained by linear interpolation for clear lengths between the above limits.

4. Link beam web. The web of the link beam shall be single thickness without doubler plate reinforcement. No openings shall be placed in the web of a link beam. The web shear shall not exceed  $0.8V_s$  under prescribed lateral forces.

5. Beam connection braces. Brace-to-beam connections shall develop the compression strength of the brace and transfer this force to the beam web. No part of the brace-to-beam connection shall extend into the web area of a link beam.

6. Link beam stiffeners. Link beams shall have full-depth web stiffeners on both sides of the beam web at the brace end of the link beam. In addition, for link beams with clear lengths within the limits in Section 2710 (i) 3 C, full-depth stiffeners shall be placed at a distance  $b_f$  from each end of the link. The stiffeners shall have a combined width not less than  $b - 2t_w$  and a thickness not less than  $0.75 t_w$  or less than  $3/8$  inch.

7. Intermediate stiffeners. Intermediate full-depth web stiffeners shall be provided in either of the following conditions:

- A. Where the link beam strength is controlled by  $V_s$ .
- B. Where the link beam strength is controlled by flexure and the shear determined by applying the reduced flexural strength,  $M_{rs}$ , exceeds  $0.45 F_y d t$ .

**8. Web stiffener spacing.** Where intermediate web stiffeners are required, the spacing shall conform to the requirements given below.

A. For link beams with rotation angle of 0.06 radians, the spacing shall not exceed  $38t-d/5$ .

B. For link beams with a rotation angle of 0.03 radians or less, the spacing shall not exceed  $56t_w-d/5$ . Interpolation may be used for rotation angles between 0.03 and 0.06 radians.

**9. Web stiffener location.** For beams 24 inches in depth and greater, intermediate full-depth web stiffeners are required on both sides of the web. Such web stiffeners are required only on one side of the beam web for beams less than 24 inches in depth. The stiffener thickness,  $t_w$ , of one side stiffeners shall not be less than  $3/8$  inch and the width shall not be less than  $(b_f/2)-t_w$ .

**10. Stiffener welds.** Fillet welds connecting the stiffener to the beam web shall develop a stiffener force of  $A_{st}F_y$ . Fillet welds connecting the stiffener to the flanges shall develop a stiffener force of  $A_{st}F_y/4$ , where  $A_{st} = bt$  of stiffener and  $b =$  width of stiffener plate.

**11. Link beam-column connections.** A. Where a link beam is connected to the column flange, the following requirements shall be met:

(i) The beam flanges shall have full-penetration welds to the column.

(ii) Where the link beam strength is controlled by shear in conformance with Section 2710(i) 7, the web connection shall be welded to develop the full link beam web shear strength.

B. Where the link beam is connected to the column web, the beam flanges shall have full-penetration welds to the connection plates and the web connection shall be welded to develop the link beam web shear strength.

**12. Brace strength.** Each brace shall have a compressive strength at least 1.5 times the axial force corresponding to the controlling link beam strength. The controlling link beam strength is either the shear strength,  $V_s$ , or the reduced flexural strength,  $M_{rs}$ , whichever results in the lesser force in the brace.

**13. Column strength.** Columns shall be designed to remain elastic at 1.25 times the strength of the EBF bay, as defined in Subsection 12 above.

**14. Roof link beam.** A link beam is not required in roof beams for EBF over five stories.

**15. Concentric brace in combination.** The first story of an EBF bay over five stories in height may be concentrically braced if this story can be shown to have an elastic capacity 50 percent greater than the yield capacity of the story frames above the first story.

**16. Axial forces.** Axial forces in beams of EBF frames due to braces and due to transfer of seismic force to the end of the frames shall be included in the frame calculations.

17. **Beam flanges.** Top and bottom flanges of EBF frame beams shall be laterally braced at the ends of link beams and at intervals not exceeding  $76/\sqrt{F_y}$  times the beam flange width. End bracing shall be designed to resist 1.5 percent of the beam flange strength, defined as  $F_y b_f t_f$ . Intermediate bracing shall be designed to resist 1.0 percent of the beam flange force at the brace point using the link beam strength determined in Section 2710 (i) 12.

18. **Beam-column connection.** Beam connections to columns may be designed as pins in the plane of the beam web if the link beam is not adjacent to the column. Such connection shall have the capacity to resist a torsional moment of  $0.01F_y b_f t_f d$ .

(j) **Stud Wall Systems.** Stud wall systems may be used to resist the specified seismic forces in buildings not over five stories in height. Such systems shall comply with the following:

1. The  $l/r$  of the brace may exceed 200 and is unlimited.
2. All boundary members, chords and collectors shall be designed and detailed to transmit the induced axial forces.
3. Connection of the diagonal bracing member, top chord splices, boundary members and collectors shall be designed to develop the full tensile strength of the member or  $3(R_w/8)$  times the otherwise prescribed seismic forces.
4. Vertical and diagonal members of the braced bay shall be anchored so the bottom track is not required to resist uplift forces by bending of the track web.
5. Both flanges of studs in a bracing panel shall be braced to prevent lateral torsional buckling. Wire tied bridging shall not be considered to provide such restraint.
6. Screws shall not be used to resist lateral forces by pullout resistance.
7. Provision shall be made for pretensioning or other methods of installation of tension-only bracing to guard against loose diagonal straps.

(k) **Nondestructive Testing.** Welded connections between the primary members of special moment-resisting frames shall be tested by nondestructive methods for compliance with U.B.C. Standard No. 27-6 and job specifications. This testing shall be a part of the special inspection requirements of Section 306. A program for this testing shall be established by the person responsible for structural design and as shown on plans and specifications.

As a minimum, this program shall include the following:

1. All complete penetration groove welds contained in joints and splices shall be tested 100 percent either by ultrasonic testing or by radiography.

**EXCEPTION:** When approved, the nondestructive testing rate for an individual welder or welding operator may be reduced to 25 percent, provided the reject rate is demonstrated to be 5 percent or less of the welds tested for the welder or welding operator. A sampling of at least 40 completed welds for a job shall be made for such reduction evaluation. Reject rate is defined as the number of welds containing rejectable defects divided by the number of welds completed. For evaluating the reject rate of continuous welds over 3 feet in length where the effective throat thickness is 1 inch or less, each 12-inch increment or fraction thereof shall be considered as one

weld. For evaluating the reject rate on continuous welds over 3 feet in length where the effective throat thickness is greater than 1 inch, each 6 inches of length or fraction thereof shall be considered one weld.

When approved by the building official and outlined in the project plans and specifications, this nondestructive ultrasonic testing may be performed in the shop of an approved fabricator utilizing qualified test techniques in the employment of the fabricator.

2. Partial penetration groove welds when used in column splices shall be tested either by ultrasonic testing or radiography when required by the plans and specifications.
3. Base metal thicker than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, when subjected to through-thickness weld shrinkage strains, shall be ultrasonically inspected for discontinuities directly behind such welds after joint completion.

Any material discontinuities shall be accepted or rejected on the basis of the defect rating in accordance with the (larger reflector) criteria of U.B.C. Standard No. 27-6.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3000 CHAPTER 30. VENEER.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3007 PLASTIC VENEER. Section 3007.

When used within a building, plastic veneer shall comply with the interior finish requirements of Chapter 42. Exterior plastic veneer shall be of approved plastics materials as defined in Chapter 4 and shall comply with the following:

- (a) Plastic veneer shall not be attached to any exterior wall to a height greater than 50 feet above grade.
- (b) Sections of plastic veneer shall not exceed 300 square feet in area and shall be separated by a minimum of 4 feet vertically.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. The area and separation requirements and the smoke-density limitation are not applicable to plastic veneer applied to Type V-N buildings, provided the walls are not required to have a fire-resistive rating.

2. The area and separation requirements are not applicable to veneers of approved plastic materials meeting the ASTM Standard No. D3679-81a when applied to exterior surfaces that have a one-hour fire-resistive rating before the application of the veneer.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3100 CHAPTER 31 ACCESSIBILITY.

PART I  
GENERALNEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3101 SCOPE. Section 3101. (a) General. Buildings or portions of buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities as required by this chapter.

Chapter 31 has been amended to comply with the Federal Fair Housing Act (FFHA) Guidelines as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (March 1991) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Guidelines as published by the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board and Department of Justice (July, 1991).

Reference is made to Appendix Chapter 31 for FFHA and ADA requirements not regulated by this chapter.

(b) Design. The design and construction of accessible building elements shall be in accordance with this chapter. For a building, structure or building element to be considered to be accessible, it shall be designed and constructed to the minimum provisions of this chapter.

(c) Maintenance of Facilities. Any building, facility, dwelling unit or site which is constructed to be accessible or adaptable under this chapter shall be maintained accessible and/or adaptable during its occupancy.

(d) Alternate Methods. The application of Section 105 to this chapter shall be limited to the extent that alternate methods of construction, designs, or technologies shall provide substantially equivalent or greater accessibility.

(e) Modifications. Where full compliance with this chapter is impractical due to unique characteristics of the terrain, the building official may grant modifications in accordance with Section 106, provided that any portion of the building or structure that can be made accessible shall be made accessible to the greatest extent practical.

### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3102 DEFINITIONS. Section 3102. For the purpose of the chapter certain terms are defined as follows:

ACCESSIBLE is approachable and usable by persons with disabilities.

ACCESS AISLE is an accessible pedestrian space between elements, such as parking spaces, seating, and desks, that provides clearances appropriate for use of the elements.

ACCESSIBLE EXIT is an exit, as defined in Section 3301 (b), which complies with this chapter and does not contain stairs, steps, or escalators.

ACCESSIBLE ROUTE OF TRAVEL is a continuous unobstructed path connecting all accessible elements and spaces in an accessible building or facility that can be negotiated by a person using a wheelchair and that is usable by persons with other disabilities.

AREA FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE is an accessible space which is protected from fire and smoke and which facilitates egress.

AUTOMATIC DOOR is a door equipped with a power-operated mechanism and controls that open and close the door automatically upon receipt of a momentary actuating signal. The switch that begins the automatic cycle may be a photoelectric device, floor mat or manual switch (see also, Power-assisted Door).

CLEAR is unobstructed.

CLEAR FLOOR SPACE is unobstructed floor or ground space (see Section 3106 (b)).

COMMON USE AREAS are rooms, spaces or elements inside or outside a building that are made available for use by occupants of and visitors to the building.

CROSS SLOPE is the slope that is perpendicular to the direction of travel.

CURB RAMP is a short ramp cutting through or built up to a curb.

DETECTABLE WARNING is a standardized surface feature built in or applied to walking surfaces or other elements to warn visually impaired persons of hazards on a circulation path.

DWELLING UNIT, TYPE A is an accessible dwelling unit that is designed and constructed to provide greater accessibility than a Type B dwelling unit. (Type A dwelling units constructed in accordance with this chapter also meet the design standards for Type B dwelling units.)

DWELLING UNIT, TYPE B is an accessible dwelling unit that is designed and constructed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Fair Housing Act Accessibility Guidelines.

ELEMENT is an architectural or mechanical component of a building, facility, space, or site, such as telephones, curb ramps, doors, drinking fountains, seating, or water closets.

GROUND FLOOR is any occupiable floor less than one story above or below grade with direct access to grade. A building may have more than one ground floor.

LANDING is a level area (except as otherwise provided), within or at the terminus of a stair or ramp.

MARKED CROSSING is a crosswalk or other identified path intended for pedestrian use in crossing a vehicular way.

MULTISTORY DWELLING UNIT is a dwelling unit with finished living space located on one floor, and the floor or floors immediately above or below it.

PERSON WITH DISABILITY is an individual who has an impairment, including a mobility, sensory or cognitive impairment, which results in a functional limitation in access to and using a building or facility.

POWER-ASSISTED DOOR is a door used for human passage with a mechanism that helps to open the door, or relieve the opening resistance of the door, upon the activation of a switch or a continued force applied to the door itself.

PUBLIC USE AREAS are those interior or exterior rooms or spaces which are made available to the general public. Public use may be provided at a privately or publicly owned building or facility.

PRIMARY ENTRY is a principal entrance through which most people enter the building. A building may have more than one primary entry.

PRIMARY ENTRY LEVEL is the floor or level of the building on which the primary entry is located.

PRIMARY FUNCTION is a major function for which the facility is intended.

RAMP is any walking surface having a running slope exceeding 1 inch vertical in 48 inches horizontal.

SERVICE ENTRY is an entrance intended primarily for delivery of goods or services.

SINGLE-STORY DWELLING UNIT is a dwelling unit with all finished living spaces located on one floor.

SITE is a parcel of land bounded by a property line or a designated portion of a public right-of-way.

TACTILE is an object that can be perceived using the sense of touch.

TEXT TELEPHONE is machinery or equipment that employs interactive graphic (i.e., typed) communications through the transmission of coded signals across the standard telephone network. Text telephones include telecommunications display devices or telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD's), or computers.

VEHICULAR WAY is a route intended for vehicular traffic, such as a roadway, driveway, or parking lot, located on a site.

## PART II NEW CONSTRUCTION

### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3103 BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY. Section 3103. (a) Where required. 1. General. Accessibility to temporary or permanent buildings or portions thereof shall be provided for all occupancy classifications except as modified by this chapter. See also Appendix Chapter 31.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Floors or portions of floors not customarily occupied, including, but not limited to, elevator pits, observation galleries used primarily for security purposes, elevator penthouses, nonoccupiable spaces accessed



only by ladders, catwalks, crawl spaces, very narrow passage ways or freight elevators, piping and equipment catwalks and machinery, mechanical and electrical equipment rooms.

2. In other than Group R Occupancies; Group B, Division 2 retail Occupancies; terminals, depots and other stations used for transportation; buildings owned or operated by a governmental agency; and the professional offices of health care providers, floors above and below fully accessible levels that have areas of less than 3000 square feet per floor, need not be accessible provided that the primary entry level provides facilities as required by Section 3105 equivalent to those located on the nonaccessible levels.

3. Temporary structures, sites and equipment directly associated with the construction process such as construction site trailers, scaffolding, bridging or material hoists are not required to be accessible.

2. Group A Occupancies. A. General. All Group A Occupancies shall be accessible as provided in this chapter.

**EXCEPTION:** In the assembly area of dining and drinking establishments or religious facilities which are located in non-elevator buildings; where the area of mezzanine seating is not more than 25 percent of the total seating, an accessible means of vertical access to the mezzanine is not required; provided that the same services are provided in an accessible space which is not restricted to use only by persons with disabilities. Comparable facilities shall be available in all seating areas.

In banquet rooms or spaces where the head table or speaker's lectern is located on a permanent raised platform, the platform shall be accessible in compliance with Section 3106. Open edges on a raised platform shall be protected by a curb with a height of not less than 2 inches.

Stadiums, theaters, auditoriums and similar occupancies shall provide wheelchair spaces in accordance with Table No. 31-A. Removable seats shall be permitted in the wheelchair spaces.

Wheelchair spaces shall be accessible and shall be located in places with unobstructed sight lines. Wheelchair spaces shall be reasonably distributed throughout the seating plan and located on an accessible route of travel.

In addition, one percent, but not less than one, of all fixed seats shall be aisle seats with no armrests, or removable or folding armrests on the aisle side. Each such seat shall be identified by a sign complying with Section 3106 (p) 1. A.

B. Assistive Listening Devices. Assistive listening systems complying with Section 3106 (u) 3 shall be installed in assembly areas where audible communications are integral to the use of the space including stadiums, theaters, auditoriums, lecture halls, and similar areas; where fixed seats are provided; as follows:

1. Areas with an occupant load of 50 or more.
2. Areas where an audio-amplification system is installed.

Receivers for assistive-listening devices shall be provided at a rate of 4 percent of the total number of seats, but in no case fewer than two devices. In other assembly areas, where permanently installed assistive-listening systems are not provided, electrical outlets shall be provided at a rate of not less than 4 percent of the total occupant load.

Signage complying with Section 3106 (p) shall be installed to notify patrons of the availability of the listening system.

3. Group B Occupancies. All Group B Occupancies shall be accessible as provided in this chapter. Assembly spaces in Group B Occupancies shall comply with Section 3103 (a) 2. B.

4. Group E Occupancies. All Group E Occupancies shall be accessible as provided in this chapter. Assembly spaces in Group E Occupancies shall comply with Section 3103 (a) 2. B.

5. Group H Occupancies. All Group H Occupancies shall be accessible as provided in this chapter.

6. Group I Occupancies. All Group I Occupancies shall be accessible in all public use, common use and employee use areas, and shall have accessible patient rooms, cells and treatment or examination rooms as follows:

A. In Group I, Division 1.1 hospitals which specialize in treating conditions that affect mobility, all patient rooms in each nursing unit, including associated toilet rooms and bathrooms.

B. In Group I, Division 1.1 hospitals which do not specialize in treating conditions that affect mobility, at least 1 in every 10 patient rooms in each nursing unit, including associated toilet rooms and bathrooms.

C. In Group I, Division 1.1 and Division 2 nursing homes and long-term care facilities, at least 1 in every 2 patient rooms, including associated toilet rooms and bathrooms.

D. In Group I, Division 3 mental health Occupancies, at least 1 in every 10 patient rooms, including associated toilet rooms and bathrooms.

E. In Group I, Division 3 jail, prison and similar Occupancies, at least 1 in every 100 rooms or cells, including associated toilet rooms and bathrooms.

In Group I, Division 1.1 and 2 Occupancies, at least one accessible entrance that complies with Section 3103 (b) shall be under shelter. Every such entrance shall include a passenger loading zone which complies with Section 3108 (b) 3.

7. Group M Occupancies. Group M, Division 1 Occupancies shall be accessible.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Private garages, carports and sheds are not required to be accessible if they are accessory to dwelling units which are not required to be accessible.

2. In Group M, Division 1 agricultural buildings, access need only be provided to paved work areas and areas open to the general public.

8. Group R Occupancies. A. General. All Group R Occupancies shall be accessible as provided in this chapter. Public- and common-use areas and facilities such as recreational facilities, laundry facilities, garbage and recycling collection areas, mailbox locations, lobbies, foyers and management offices, shall be accessible.

B. Number of Dwelling Units. In all Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings the total number of Type A dwelling units shall be as required by Table No. 31-B. All other dwelling units shall be designed and constructed to the requirements for Type B units as defined in this chapter.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Group R Occupancies containing three or fewer dwelling units.

2. Dwelling units in Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings which are located on floors other than the ground floor where no elevator is provided within the building need not comply with the standards for Type B dwelling units, provided:

A. Where the ground floor is not a Group R Occupancy, the first level of Group R Occupancy, including dwelling units, shall be accessible; and

B. The number of Type A dwelling units provided shall not be reduced below the number required by Table No. 31-B.

3. Dwelling units with two or more stories in a nonelevator building need not comply with standards for Type B dwelling units.

4. For sites where multiple, nonelevator buildings are

planned for a single site and where portions of the site have grades prior to development which exceed 10 percent, the building official may approve the following modifications:

A. Number of Dwelling Units:

(i) The number of Type B dwelling units provided may be reduced to a percentage of the ground floor units which is equal to the percentage of the entire site having grades prior to development, which are 10 percent or less; but in no case shall the number of Type B dwelling units be less than 20 percent of the ground floor dwelling units on the entire site; and

(ii) The number of Type A dwelling units provided shall not be reduced below the number required by Table No. 31-B; and

B. Both Type A and B dwelling units may be located in the building or buildings located on the portion of the site where the grade prior to development has slopes of 10 percent or less; and

C. Common-use facilities accessory to buildings not required to contain either Type A or B dwelling units in accordance with Item A, above, need not be accessible unless there are no other similar facilities provided on the site.

See also Appendix Chapter 31, Division II.

C. Hotels and Lodging Houses. In all hotels and lodging houses, accessible guest rooms, including associated bathing, shower and toilet facilities, shall be provided in accordance with Table No. 31-C. In addition, sleeping rooms or suites for persons with hearing impairments shall be provided in accordance with Table No. 31-D.

In addition, public-use and common-use areas of all hotels and lodging houses shall be accessible.

EXCEPTION: Group R, Division 3 lodging houses that are occupied by the owner or proprietor of the lodging house.

Required sleeping rooms for persons with hearing impairments shall have visible alarms complying with Section 3106 (o). Such rooms shall have installed telephones complying with Section 3106 (n) 3., and an electrical outlet installed within 48 inches of the telephone connection. Such rooms shall have devices separate from the visible alarm system which provide visible notification of incoming telephone calls and door bell actuation.

Where provided in accessible guest rooms the following facilities shall be accessible: dining areas; kitchens; kitchenettes; wet bars; patios; balconies; terraces; or similar facilities.

D. Proportional Distribution. Accessible dwelling units shall be apportioned among efficiency dwelling units, single-bedroom units and multiple-bedroom units in proportion to the numbers of such units in the building. Accessible hotel and motel units shall be apportioned among the various classes of sleeping accommodations.

E. Congregate Residences. In congregate residences with multi-bed rooms or spaces, a percentage equal to the minimum number of accessible rooms required by Table No. 31-C shall be accessible in accordance with Section 3106 (z).

EXCEPTION: Congregate residences with 10 or fewer occupants need not be accessible.

9. Other Parking Facilities. Principal use parking facilities which are not accessory to the use of any building or structure shall provide accessible spaces in accordance with Table No. 31-F.

(b) Design and Construction. 1. General. When accessibility is required by this chapter, it shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this chapter.

2. Accessible Route of Travel. When a building, or portion of a building, is required to be accessible, an accessible route of travel shall be provided to all portions of the building, to accessible building entrances and connecting the building and the public way. Except within an accessible dwelling unit, the accessible route of travel to areas of primary function may serve but shall not pass through kitchens, storage rooms, toilet rooms, bathrooms, closets or other similar spaces.

Accessible routes of travel serving any accessible space or element shall also serve as a means of egress for emergencies or connect to an area of evacuation assistance.

When more than one building or facility is located on a site, accessible routes of travel shall be provided connecting accessible buildings and accessible site facilities. The accessible route of travel shall be the most practical direct route connecting accessible building entrances, accessible site facilities and the accessible site entrances.

EXCEPTION: For sites where natural terrain or other unusual property characteristics do not allow the provision of an accessible route of travel from the public way to the building, the point of vehicular debarkation may be substituted for the accessible entrance to the site.

3. Primary Entry Access. At least 50% of all public entries, or a number equal to the number of exits required by Section 3303 (a), whichever is greater, shall be accessible. One of the accessible public entries shall be the primary entry to a building. At least one accessible entry must be a ground floor entrance. Public entries do not include loading or service entries.

EXCEPTION: In Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings only the primary entry need be accessible, provided that the primary entry provides an accessible route of travel to all dwelling units required to be accessible.

Where a building is designed not to have common or primary entries, the primary entry to each individual dwelling unit required to be accessible, and each individual tenant space, shall be accessible.

4. Signs. A. International Symbol of Access. The following elements and spaces of accessible facilities shall be identified by the International Symbol of Access:

1. Accessible parking spaces

2. Accessible entrances when not all entrances are accessible (inaccessible entrances shall have directional signage to indicate the route to the nearest accessible entrance)

EXCEPTION: Individual entries into dwelling units.

3. Accessible passenger loading zone(s)

4. Accessible toilet and bathing facilities when not all are accessible

EXCEPTION: Toilet and bathing facilities within dwelling units, patient rooms and guest rooms.

At every major junction along or leading to an exterior accessible route of travel, there shall be a sign displaying the International Symbol of Accessibility. Signage shall indicate the direction to accessible entries and facilities.

A list of accessible rooms shall be permanently posted for staff use at each hotel/motel reception or check-in desk.

B. Other Signs. Where provided, permanent signs which identify rooms and spaces shall comply with Sections 3106 (p) 2, 3, and 5. Where provided, other signs which provide direction to or information

about the building or portion of a building shall comply with Section 3106 (p) 3 and 4.

**EXCEPTION:** Building directories and all temporary signs.

In hotels and lodging houses, a list of accessible guest rooms shall be posted permanently in a location not visible to the general public, for staff use at each reception or check-in desk.

In assembly areas, a sign notifying the general public of the availability of accessible seating and assistive listening systems shall be provided at ticket offices or similar locations.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3104 EGRESS AND AREAS FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE. Section 3104. (a) General. In buildings or portions of buildings required to be accessible, accessible means of egress shall be provided in the same number as required for exits by Chapter 33. When an exit required by Chapter 33 is not accessible, an area for evacuation assistance shall be provided.

**EXCEPTION:** Areas of evacuation assistance are not required in buildings where an approved, automatic fire-extinguishing system is installed in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1, provided that quick-response sprinkler heads are used where allowed by the standard; and that a written fire- and life-safety emergency plan which specifically addresses the evacuation of persons with disabilities is approved by the building official and the fire chief.

Every area for evacuation assistance shall comply with the requirements of this code and shall adjoin an accessible route of travel which shall comply with Section 3106.

(b) Areas for Evacuation Assistance. 1. Location and Construction. An area for evacuation assistance shall be one of the following:

A. A portion of a landing within a smokeproof enclosure, complying with Section 3310.

B. A portion of an exterior exit balcony, located immediately adjacent to an exit stairway, when the exterior exit balcony complies with Section 3305. Openings to the interior of the building located within 20 feet of the area for evacuation assistance shall be protected with fire assemblies having a three-fourths-hour fire-protection rating.

C. A portion of a one-hour fire-resistive corridor complying with Sections 3305 (g) and (h) located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure.

D. A vestibule located immediately adjacent to an exit enclosure and constructed to the same fire-resistive standards as required by Section 3305 (g) and (h).

E. A portion of a stairway landing within an exit enclosure which is vented to the exterior and is separated from the interior of the building by not less than one-hour fire-resistive door assemblies.

F. When approved by the building official, an area or room which is separated from other portions of the building by a smoke barrier. Smoke barriers shall have a fire-resistive rating of not less than one hour and shall completely enclose the area or room. Doors in the smoke barrier shall be tight-fitting smoke- and draft-control assemblies having a fire-protection rating of not less than 20 minutes and shall be self-closing or automatic closing. The area or room shall be provided with an exit directly to an exit enclosure. When the room or area exits into an exit enclosure which is required to be of more than one-hour fire-resistive construction, the room or area shall have the

same fire-resistive construction, including the same opening protection, as required for the adjacent exit enclosure.

G. An elevator lobby complying with Section 3104 (d).

2. Size. Each area for evacuation assistance shall provide at least two wheelchair spaces not smaller than 30 inches by 48 inches for each space. The area for evacuation assistance shall not encroach on any required exit width. The total number of such 30-inch by 48-inch wheelchair spaces per story shall not be less than 1 for every 200 persons of calculated occupant load served by the area for evacuation assistance.

EXCEPTION: The building official may reduce the minimum number of 30-inch by 48-inch areas to one for each area for evacuation assistance on floors where the occupant load is less than 200.

3. Stairway Width. Each stairway adjacent to an area for evacuation assistance shall have a minimum clear width of 48 inches.

4. Two-way Communication. A telephone with controlled access to a public telephone system or another method of two-way communication shall be provided between each area for evacuation assistance and the primary entry. The fire department may approve location other than the primary entry.

5. Identification. Each area for evacuation assistance shall be identified by a sign which states: AREA FOR EVACUATION ASSISTANCE and the International Symbol of Access. The sign shall be illuminated when exit sign illumination is required. The sign shall comply with Sections 3314 (c) and (d). In each area for evacuation assistance, instructions on the use of the area under emergency conditions shall be posted adjoining the two-way communication system.

(c) Accessible Exits. All exterior exits which are located adjacent to accessible areas and within 6 inches of grade shall be accessible.

(d) Area for Evacuation Assistance, High-Rise Alternative. Within a building of any height or occupancy, constructed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1807 or 1907, an area for evacuation assistance may be located in the elevator lobby, or adjacent to the elevator where no lobby is required, when:

1. The area for evacuation assistance complies with the requirements for size, two-way communication and identification as specified in Section 3104 (b); and,

2. Elevator shafts are pressurized as required for smokeproof enclosures in Section 3310. Such pressurization system shall be activated by smoke detectors on each floor located in a manner approved by the building official. Pressurization equipment and its ductwork within the building shall be separated from other portions of the building by a minimum of two-hour fire-resistive construction.

3. The manager of the building shall establish and maintain a written fire- and life-safety emergency plan which, in addition to other provisions, shall specifically address the evacuation of persons with disabilities, and which has been approved by the building official and fire chief.

## NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3105 FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY. Section 3105. (a) General. Where buildings are required to be accessible, building facilities shall be accessible to persons with disabilities as provided in this section. Where specific floors of a building are required to be accessible, the requirements shall apply only to the facilities located on accessible floors.

All building facilities or elements required by this section to be accessible shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Section 3106.

(b) Bathing and Toilet Facilities. 1. Bathing Facilities. When bathing facilities are provided, at least 2 percent, but not less than 1, bathtub or shower shall be accessible. In dwelling units where both a bathtub and shower are provided in the same room, only one need be accessible.

2. Toilet Facilities. Toilet facilities located within accessible dwelling units, guest rooms and congregate residences shall comply with Sections 3106 (k) and 3106 (aa).

In each toilet facility in other occupancies, at least one wheelchair accessible toilet stall with an accessible water closet shall be provided. In addition, when there are 6 or more water closets within a toilet facility, at least one other accessible toilet stall complying with Section 3106 (k) 4. also shall be installed.

3. Lavatories, Mirrors and Towel Fixtures. At least one accessible lavatory shall be provided within any toilet facility. Where mirrors, towel fixtures and other toilet and bathroom accessories are provided, at least one of each shall be accessible.

4. Adaptable Fixtures in Dwelling Units. See Section 3106 (aa) 2. for adaptable fixtures in dwelling units.

B. Kitchen Counters. Cabinets or shelving may be installed beneath the counter space required by Section 3106 (l) 2. provided such cabinetry or shelving is not permanent and is easily removable.

C. Lavatories. Cabinets or shelving may be installed beneath bathroom lavatories provided such cabinetry or shelving is not permanent and is easily removable.

(c) Elevators. 1. Where Required. In multi-story buildings or portions thereof required to be accessible by Section 3103, at least one elevator shall serve each level, including mezzanines. Other than within an individual dwelling unit, when an elevator is provided but not required, it shall be accessible.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. In Group R, Division 1 apartment occupancies, an elevator is not required where accessible dwelling units and guest rooms are accessible by ramp or by grade level route of travel.

2. In a building of fewer than three stories an elevator is not required where ramps, grade-level entrances or accessible horizontal exits from an adjacent building, are provided to each floor.

3. In multistory parking garages, an elevator is not required where an accessible route of travel is provided from accessible parking spaces on levels with accessible horizontal connections to the primary building served.

4. In Group R, Division 1 hotels and lodging houses less than 3 stories in height, an elevator is not required provided that accessible guest rooms are provided on the ground floor.

2. Design. All elevators shall be accessible.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Private elevators serving only one dwelling unit.  
2. Where more than one elevator is provided in the building, elevators used exclusively for movement of freight.

Elevators required to be accessible shall be designed and constructed to comply with Chapter 296-81 of the Washington Administrative Code.

3. Platform Lifts. Platform lifts may be used in lieu of an elevator under one of the following conditions subject to approval by the building official:

1. To provide an accessible route of travel to a performing area in a Group A Occupancy; or,

2. To provide unobstructed sight lines and distribution for wheelchair viewing positions in Group A Occupancies; or,

3. To provide access to spaces with an occupant load of less than 5; or,

4. To provide access where existing site constraints or other constraints make use of a ramp or elevator infeasible.

All platform lifts used in lieu of an elevator shall be capable of independent operation and shall comply with chapter 296-81 of the Washington Administrative Code.

(d) Other Building Components. 1. Water Fountains. On any floor where water fountains are provided, at least 50 percent, but in no case less than one fountain shall be accessible complying with Section 3106 (m) and at least one fountain shall be mounted at a standard height.

2. Telephones. On any floor where public telephones are provided at least one telephone shall be accessible. On any floor where 2 or more banks of multiple telephones are provided, at least one telephone in each bank shall be accessible and at least one telephone per floor shall be designed to allow forward reach complying with Section 3106.

Where any bank of public telephones consists of 3 or more telephones, at least one telephone in each bank shall be equipped with a shelf and an electrical outlet complying with Section 3106 (n) 7.

All accessible telephones and at least 25 percent of all other public telephones, but in no case less than one, shall be provided with volume controls in accordance with Section 3106 (n) and shall be dispersed among the public telephones provided in the building.

Where four or more public pay telephones are provided at a building site, and at least one is in an interior location, at least one interior telephone shall be a text telephone in accordance with Section 3106 (n).

Where interior public pay phones are provided in transportation facilities; assembly and similar areas including stadiums and arenas, convention centers, hotels with convention facilities, or covered malls; or in or adjacent to hospital emergency, recovery, or waiting rooms; at least one interior text telephone shall be provided.

3. Kitchens. Kitchens within accessible dwelling units shall be designed in accordance with Section 3106.

Kitchens, kitchenettes or wet bars in other than dwelling units which are provided accessory to a sleeping room, guest room or suite, shall be designed in accordance with Section 3106. Countertops and sinks shall be mounted at a maximum height of 34 inches above the floor. At least 50 percent of shelf space in cabinets and appliances shall be within the reach ranges of Section 3106.

EXCEPTION: Kitchens in Type B dwelling units need not comply with Section 3106 (l) 1.

4. Swimming Pools. Where common or public use swimming pools, hot tubs, spas and similar facilities are provided, they shall be accessible. Swimming pools shall be accessible by transfer tier, hydraulic chair, ramp or other means. Hot tubs and spas shall be accessible only to the edge of the facility.

5. Fixed or Built-in Seating or Tables. Where fixed or built-in seating or tables are provided at least 5 percent, but no fewer than two, shall be accessible. Accessible fixed or built-in seating or tables shall comply with Section 3106 (s). In eating and drinking establishments, such seating or tables shall be distributed throughout the facility.

6. Storage, Shelving and Display Units. In other than Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings, where fixed or built-in storage facilities such as cabinets, shelves, closets and drawers are provided in accessible spaces, at least one of each type provided shall contain storage space complying with Section 3106 (r).

Self-service shelves or display units in retail occupancies shall be located on an accessible route in accordance with Section 3103 (b) 2.



7. Customer Service Facilities. A. Dressing, and Fitting Rooms. Where dressing or fitting rooms are provided for use by the general public, patients, customers or employees, 5 percent, but not less than one in each group of rooms serving distinct and different functions shall be accessible in accordance with Section 3106 (x).

B. Counters and Windows. Where customer sales and service counters or windows are provided a portion of the counter or at least one window, shall be accessible in accordance with Section 3106 (x).

C. Shelving and Display. Self-service shelves or display units in retail occupancies shall be located on an accessible route in accordance with Section 3103 (b) 2.

D. Check-out Aisles. Accessible check-out aisles shall be installed in accordance with Table No. 31-E and Section 3106 (x).

8. Controls, Operating Mechanisms and Hardware. Controls, operating mechanisms and hardware, including switches that control lighting and ventilation and electrical convenience outlets, in accessible spaces, along accessible routes, or as parts of accessible elements shall comply with Section 3106 (c).

EXCEPTION: Floors or portions of floors not customarily occupied, including, but not limited to, elevator pits, observation galleries used primarily for security purposes, elevator penthouses, nonoccupiable spaces accessed only by ladders, catwalks, crawl spaces, very narrow passage ways or freight elevators, piping and equipment catwalks and machinery, mechanical and electrical equipment rooms.

9. Alarms. Alarm systems where provided, shall include both audible and visible alarms. The alarm devices shall be located in all sleeping accommodations and common-use areas including toilet rooms and bathing facilities, hallways, and lobbies.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Alarm systems in Group I, Division 1.1 and 1.2 Occupancies may be modified to suit standard health care design practice.  
2. Visible alarms are not required in Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3106 SECTION 3106. Accessible Design and Construction Standards. (a) General. Where accessibility is required by this chapter, it shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this section, unless otherwise specified in this chapter.

(b) Space Allowance and Reach Ranges. 1. Wheelchair Passage Width. The minimum clear width for single wheelchair passage shall be 36 inches. The minimum width for two wheelchairs to pass is 60 inches.

EXCEPTION: The minimum width for single wheelchair passage may be 32 inches for a maximum distance of 24 inches.

2. Wheelchair Turning Spaces. Wheelchair turning spaces shall be designed and constructed to satisfy one of the following requirements:

A. A turning space not less than 60 inches in diameter; or,  
B. A turning space at T-shaped intersections or within a room, where the minimum width is not less than 36 inches. Each segment of the T shall be clear of obstructions not less than 24 inches in each direction.

3. Unobstructed Floor Space. A floor space, including the vertical space above such floor space, which is free of any physical obstruction including door swings, to a height of 29 inches. Where a

pair of doors occurs, the swing of the inactive leaf may be considered to be unobstructed floor space. Unobstructed floor space may include toe spaces that are a minimum of 9 inches in height and not more than 6 inches in depth.

#### 4. Clear Floor or Ground Spaces and Maneuvering Clearance Space for Wheelchairs.

A. Size. The minimum clear floor or ground space required to accommodate a single, stationary wheelchair occupant shall be not less than 30 inches by 48 inches.

B. Approach. Wheelchair spaces shall be designed to allow for forward or parallel approach to an accessible feature.

C. Knee and Toe Clearances. Spaces under obstructions, work surfaces or fixtures may be included in the clear floor or ground space provided that they are at least 30 inches in width, a minimum of 27 inches in height and not greater than 25 inches in depth. Toe spaces under obstructions, work surfaces or fixtures which comply with the requirements for unobstructed floor space may be included in the clear floor or ground space.

D. Approach to Wheelchair Spaces. One full unobstructed side of the clear floor or ground space for a wheelchair shall adjoin or overlap an accessible route of travel, or shall adjoin another wheelchair clear space. Clear space located in an alcove or otherwise confined on all or part of three sides shall be not less than 36 inches in width where forward approach is provided, or 60 inches in width where parallel approach is provided.

E. Forward Reach. Where the clear floor space only allows forward approach to an object, the maximum high forward reach allowed shall be not higher than 48 inches. Reach obstructions 20 inches or less in depth may project into the clear space provided that knee clearance is maintained in accordance with Section 3106 (b) 2. B. Reach obstructions greater than 20 inches in depth may project into the clear space provided that the reach obstruction shall not exceed 25 inches in depth and the maximum high forward reach shall not exceed 44 inches in height. The minimum low forward reach shall be not lower than 15 inches.

F. Side Reach. Where the clear floor space allows parallel approach by a person in a wheelchair, the maximum high side reach allowed shall be not higher than 54 inches. Obstructions no greater than 34 inches in height and no more than 24 inches in depth may be located in the side reach area provided that when such obstructions are present the side reach shall be not more than 46 inches. The minimum low side reach shall be not lower than 9 inches.

(c) Controls and Hardware. 1. Operation. Handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors, windows, cabinets, plumbing fixtures and storage facilities, shall have a lever or other shape which will permit operation by wrist or arm pressure and does not require tight grasping, pinching or twisting to operate.

2. Mounting Heights. The highest operable part of environmental and other controls, dispensers, receptacles and other operable equipment shall be within at least one of the reach ranges specified in Section 3106 (b), and not less than 36 inches above the floor. Electrical and communications system receptacles on walls shall be mounted a minimum of 15 inches in height above the floor. Door hardware shall be mounted at not less than 36 inches and not more than 48 inches above the floor.

3. Clear Floor Space. Clear floor space that allows a forward or a side approach shall be provided at all controls or hardware.

(d) Accessible Route of Travel. 1. Width. The minimum clear width of an accessible route of travel shall be 36 inches except at doors (see Section 3106 (j) 2.). Where an accessible route includes a 180 degree turn around an obstruction which is less than 48 inches in width, the clear width of the accessible route of travel around the obstruction shall be 42 inches minimum. For exterior accessible routes of travel, the minimum clear width shall be 44 inches.

EXCEPTION: The minimum width for single wheelchair passage may be 32 inches for a maximum distance of 24 inches.

Where an accessible route is less than 60 inches in width, passing spaces at least 60 inches by 60 inches shall be located at intervals not to exceed 200 feet. A T-shaped intersection of two corridors or walks may be used as a passing space.

2. Height. Accessible routes shall have a clear height of not less than 79 inches. Where the vertical clearance of an area adjoining an accessible route of travel is less than 79 inches but more than 27 inches, a continuous permanent barrier shall be installed to prevent traffic into such areas of reduced clearance.

3. Slope. An accessible route of travel shall have a running slope not greater than 1 vertical in 12 horizontal. An accessible route of travel with a running slope greater than 1 vertical in 20 horizontal shall comply with Section 3106 (h). Cross slopes of an accessible route of travel shall not exceed 1 vertical in 48 horizontal.

4. Changes in Level. Changes in level along an accessible route of travel shall comply with Section 3106 (f). Stairs shall not be part of an accessible route of travel. Any raised area within an accessible route of travel shall be cut through to maintain a level route or shall have curb ramps at both sides and a level area not less than 48 inches long connecting the ramps.

5. Surfaces. A. General. All floor and ground surfaces in an accessible route of travel shall comply with Section 3106 (g).

B. Detectable Warnings. Curb ramps shall have detectable warnings complying with Section 3106 (g). Detectable warnings shall extend the full width and depth of the curb ramp.

6. Edge Protection. Guardrails designed and constructed in accordance with Section 1712 shall be provided on any portion of an accessible route of travel which is more than 30 inches above the grade or floor below. Any portion of the edge of an accessible route of travel which is more than 1/2 inch above adjacent grade or floor shall be provided with a protective railing with the top of the rail at a height of 34 inches nominal and a mid-rail at a height of 18 inches nominal.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Where curbs, walls, or shoulder slopes abut the accessible route of travel, a protective railing is not required. Where provided:

A. Curbs shall be not less than 2 inches in height above the surface of the accessible route of travel.

B. Shoulder slopes shall be at the same grade as the edge of the accessible route of travel; and shall have a slope, downward from the edge, of not more than 1 vertical in 48 horizontal for a distance of not less than 36 inches.

2. For routes of travel adjoining vehicular ways or parking areas, protective railings are not required provided the difference in grade is less than 3 inches.

7. Illumination. Illumination shall be provided along the accessible route of travel, at any time the building is occupied, with an intensity of not less than one footcandle on the surface of the route.

8. Curb Ramps. A. Slope. Slopes of curb ramps shall comply with Section 3106 (h). Transitions from ramps to walks, gutters or vehicular ways shall be flush and free of abrupt changes in height. Maximum slopes of adjoining gutters and road surfaces immediately adjacent to the curb ramp or accessible route of travel shall not exceed 1 vertical in 20 horizontal.

B. Width. Curb ramps shall be not less than 36 inches in width, exclusive of the required side slopes.

C. Side Slopes of Curb Ramps. Curb ramps located where pedestrians must walk across the ramp, or where not protected by handrails or guardrails, shall have sloped sides. The maximum side slope shall be 1 vertical in 10 horizontal. Curb ramps with returned curbs may be used where pedestrians would not normally walk across the ramp.

D. Location. Built-up curb ramps shall be located so as not to project into vehicular ways nor be located within accessible parking spaces.

E. Obstructions. Curb ramps shall be located or protected to prevent their obstruction by parked vehicles.

F. Location at Marked Cross Walks. Curb ramps at marked cross walks shall be wholly contained within the markings, excluding any sloped sides.

9. Vehicular Areas. Where an accessible route of travel crosses or adjoins a vehicular way, and where there are no curbs, railings or other elements detectable by a person who has a severe vision impairment separating the pedestrian and vehicular areas, the boundary between the areas shall be defined by a continuous detectable warning not less than 36 inches wide, complying with Section 3106 (g).

(e) Protruding Objects. Protruding objects shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route of travel or maneuvering space. Any wall- or post-mounted object with its leading edge between 27 inches and 79 inches above the floor may project not more than 4 inches into the required width within a corridor. Any wall- or post-mounted projection greater than 4 inches shall extend to the floor. Protruding objects shall not reduce the clear width of an accessible route of travel or maneuvering space.

(f) Changes in Level. Accessible routes of travel and accessible spaces within buildings shall have continuous common floor or ramp surfaces. Abrupt change in height greater than 1/4 inch shall be beveled to 1 vertical in 2 horizontal. Changes in level greater than 1/2 inch shall be accomplished by means of a ramp meeting the requirements of Section 3106 (h). For Type B dwelling units, see also Section 3106 (aa).

(g) Floor Coverings and Surface Treatments. 1. General. All surfaces shall be firm and stable.

2. Carpeting. Carpeting and floor mats in accessible areas shall be securely fastened to the underlying surface, and shall provide a firm, stable, continuous and relatively smooth surface.

3. Slip-Resistant Surfaces. Showers, locker rooms, swimming pool, spa and hot tub decks, toilet rooms and other areas subject to wet conditions shall have slip-resistant floors.

Exterior accessible routes of travel shall have slip-resistant surfaces.

4. Grates. Within an accessible route of travel grates shall have openings no more than 1/2 inch in one direction. Where grates have elongated openings, they shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel. The maximum vertical surface change shall be 1/8 inch.

5. Expansion and Construction Joints. Expansion and construction joints in exterior routes of travel shall have a width of not more than 1/2 inch, shall be filled with a firm, compressible, elastic material, and shall be substantially level with the surface of the accessible route of travel.

(h) Ramps. 1. General. Ramps required to be accessible shall comply with Section 3307 and the provisions of this section. No ramp shall change direction between landings, except ramps with an inside radius of 30 feet or greater.

2. Slope and Rise. The maximum slope of a ramp shall be 1 vertical in 12 horizontal. The maximum rise for any run shall be 30 inches.

3. Width. The minimum width of a ramp shall be not less than 36 inches for interior ramps and 44 inches for exterior ramps.

4. Landings. Ramps within the accessible route of travel shall have landings at the top and bottom, and at least one intermediate landing shall be provided for each 30 inches of rise. Landings shall have a minimum dimension measured in the direction of ramp run of not less than 60 inches. Where the ramp changes direction at a landing, the landing shall be not less than 60 inches by 60 inches. The width of any landing shall be not less the width of the ramp.

5. Handrails. Ramps having slopes steeper than 1 vertical in 20 horizontal shall have handrails as required for stairways, except that

intermediate handrails as required in Section 3306 (i) are not required. Handrails shall be continuous provided that they shall not be required at any point of access along the ramp, nor at any curb ramp. Handrails shall extend at least 12 inches beyond the top and bottom of any ramp segment.

EXCEPTION: Ramps having a rise less than or equal to 6 inches or a run less than or equal to 72 inches need not have handrails.

6. Exterior Ramps. Exposed ramps and their approaches shall be constructed to prevent the accumulation of water on walking surfaces.

(i) Stairways. 1. General. Stairways required to be accessible shall comply with Section 3306 and provisions of this section.

2. Open Risers. Open risers shall not be permitted.

EXCEPTION: Stairways in Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings may have open risers.

3. Nosings. Stair nosings shall be flush, slip-resistant and rounded to a radius of 1/2 inch maximum. Risers shall be sloped or the underside of the nosing shall have an angle of not less than 60 degrees from the horizontal. Nosings shall project no more than 1 1/2 inches.

4. Exterior Stairways. Exposed stairways and their approaches shall be constructed to prevent the accumulation of water on walking surfaces.

(j) Doors. 1. General. Doors required to be accessible shall comply with Section 3304 and provisions of this section. For the purpose of this section, gates shall be considered to be doors. An accessible gate or door shall be provided adjacent to any turnstile or revolving door. Where doorways have two independently operated door leaves, then at least one leaf shall comply with this section.

2. Clear Width. Doors shall be capable of opening so that the clear width of the opening is not less than 32 inches.

EXCEPTION: Doors not requiring full user passage, such as shallow closets, may have a clear opening not less than 20 inches.

3. Maneuvering Clearances at Doors. Except as provided in Section 3106 (aa), all doors shall have minimum maneuvering clearances as follows:

A. Where a door must be pulled to be opened, an unobstructed floor space shall extend at least 18 inches beyond the strike jamb.

B. Where a door must be pushed to be opened and is equipped with a closer and a latch, an unobstructed floor space shall extend at least 12 inches beyond the strike jamb.

C. Where two doors are in series, the minimum distance between two hinged or pivoted doors shall be 48 inches in addition to any area needed for door swing.

4. Thresholds at Doors. Thresholds at doors shall comply with Section 3106 (e).

5. Automatic and Power-Assisted Doors. Door-closers or power-operators shall be operable as required by Section 3304 (h).

EXCEPTION: Floor pad or electric-eye-actuated power operators.

All power-operated doors shall remain in the fully open position for not less than 6 seconds before closing. Touch switches shall be mounted 36 inches above the floor and not less than 18 inches nor more than 36 inches horizontally from the nearest point of travel of the moving door. Other power-operated doors must be actuated from a location not less than 36 inches from the nearest point of travel of the moving door. Power-operated doors shall automatically reopen when they encounter an obstruction other than the strike jamb.

6. Door Closers. Where provided, door closers shall be adjusted to close from an open position of 70 degrees in not less than 3 seconds, to a point 3 inches from the latch, when measured to the leading edge of the door.

7. Vision Panels. Where vision panels are provided in a door, the bottom of the glass shall be not more than 40 inches above the floor.

(k) Bathrooms, Toilet Rooms, Bathing Facilities and Shower Rooms. 1. General. Bathrooms, toilet rooms, bathing facilities and shower rooms shall be designed in accordance with this section. For dwelling units, see also Section 3106 (aa).

2. Unobstructed Floor Space. An unobstructed floor space shall be provided within bathrooms, toilet rooms, bathing facilities and shower rooms of sufficient size to inscribe a circle with a diameter not less than 60 inches. Doors in any position may encroach into this space by not more than 12 inches. The clear floor spaces at fixtures, the accessible route of travel and the unobstructed floor space may overlap.

3. Wheelchair Accessible Toilet Stalls. A. Dimensions. Wheelchair accessible toilet stalls shall be at least 60 inches in width. Where wall-hung water closets are installed, the depth of the stall shall be not less than 56 inches. Where floor-mounted water closets are installed, the depth of the stall shall be not less than 59 inches. Entry to the compartment shall have a clear width of 32 inches. Toilet stall doors shall not swing into the clear floor space required for any fixture. Except for door swing, a clear unobstructed access not less than 48 inches in width shall be provided to toilet stalls.

EXCEPTION: Partitions may project not more than one inch, in the aggregate, into the required width of the stall.

B. Toe Clearances. In toilet stalls, the front partition and at least one side partition shall provide a toe clearance of at least 9 inches above the floor.

C. Door Hardware. Doors of accessible toilet stalls shall comply with Section 3106 (c).

EXCEPTION: Toe clearance is not required in a stall with a depth greater than 60 inches.

4. Ambulatory Accessible Toilet Stalls. Ambulatory accessible toilet stalls shall be at least 36 inches in width, with an outward swinging, self-closing door. Grab bars shall be installed on each side of the toilet stall and shall comply with Sections 3106 (k) 4. C. and 3106 (k) 9.

5. Water Closets. A. Clear Floor Space. The lateral distance from the center line of the water closet to the nearest obstruction, including grab bars, shall be not less than 18 inches on one side and 42 inches on the other side. In other than stalls, a clear floor space not less than 32 inches measured perpendicular to the wall on which the water closet is mounted, shall be provided in front of the water closet.

EXCEPTION: A lavatory may be located within the clear floor space required for a water closet provided that knee and toe clearances for the lavatory comply with subsection 7 below and:

A. In Type B dwelling units the edge of the lavatory shall be located not less than 15 inches from the center-line of the water closet; or

B. In all other occupancies the edge of the lavatory shall be located not less than 18 inches from the center-line of the water closet.

B. Height. The height of water closets shall be a minimum of 17 inches and a maximum of 19 inches measured to the top of the seat. Seats shall not be sprung to return to a lifted position.

C. Grab Bars. Grab bars shall be installed at one side and the back of the toilet stall. The top of grab bars shall be not less than 33 inches and not more than 36 inches above and parallel to the floor. Grab bars located at the side shall be a minimum of 42 inches in length with the front end positioned not less than 18 inches in front of the water closet, and located not more than 18 inches from the center line of the water closet. Grab bars located at the back shall be a minimum of 36 inches in length. Grab bars shall be mounted not more than 9 inches behind the water closet seat.

D. Flush Controls. Flush controls shall be mounted for use from the wide side of the water closet area and not more than 44 inches above the floor.

E. Dispensers and Receptacles. Toilet paper and other dispensers or receptacles shall be installed within easy reach of the water closet, and shall not interfere with grab bar utilization.

6. Urinals. A clear floor space measuring 30 inches by 48 inches shall be provided in front of urinals. Urinal shields shall have a clear space between them of not less than 29 inches and shall not extend farther than the front edge of the urinal rim. Urinals shall be stall-type or wall-hung with an elongated rim at a maximum of 17 inches above the floor. Flush controls shall be mounted not more than 44 inches above the floor.

7. Lavatories and Sinks. A. Clear Floor Space. A clear floor space not less than 30 inches by 48 inches shall be provided in front of lavatories and sinks.

B. Height. Lavatories and sinks shall be mounted with the rim or counter surface not higher than 34 inches above the finished floor.

C. Knee and Toe Clearances. (i) Lavatories. The total depth of clear space beneath a lavatory shall be not less than 17 inches of which toe clearance shall be not more than 6 inches of the total depth. Knee clearance shall be not less than 29 inches in height and 30 inches in width.

(ii) Sinks. Knee clearance not less than 27 inches in height, 30 inches in width and 19 inches in depth shall be provided underneath sinks.

D. Exposed Pipes and Surfaces. Hot water and drain pipes exposed under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise covered. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories or sinks.

E. Faucets. Faucet control handles shall be located not more than 17 inches from the front edge of the lavatory, sink or counter, and shall comply with Section 3106 (c). Self-closing valves shall remain open for at least 10 seconds per operation.

F. Sink Depth. Sinks shall be not less than 6-1/2 inches in depth.

8. Mirrors, Dispensers and Other Fixtures. Mirrors or shelves shall be installed so that the bottom of the mirror or the top of the shelf is within 40 inches of the floor.

Drying equipment, towel or other dispensers, and disposal fixtures shall be mounted so as not to exceed 40 inches above the finished floor to any rack, operating controls, receptacle or dispenser.

9. Bathtubs. A. Clear Floor Space. A clear floor space not less than 60 inches in length shall be provided along the tub. Where the required seat is located at the end of the tub, the clear floor space shall be not less than 75 inches in length. The clear floor space shall be not less than 30 inches in width where access to the space is parallel to the tub and not less than 48 inches in width where access to the space is at right angles to the tub. A lavatory which complies with Subsection 5, above, may be located in the clear floor space for the tub.

B. Seats. An in-tub seat or a seat at the end of the tub shall be provided. In-tub seats shall be portable and removable, not less than 12 inches in width and extend the full width of the tub. Seats at the end of the tub shall be constructed flush with the top of the

tub and shall extend not less than 15 inches from the end of the tub. Seats shall be mounted securely and shall not slip during use.

C. Grab Bars. All required grab bars shall be installed parallel to the floor. Lower grab bars shall be installed centered 9 inches above the tub rim. Upper or single grab bars shall be installed centered not less than 33 inches and not more than 36 inches above the floor of the clear space.

Where a tub has a seat at the end, two grab bars not less than 48 inches in length shall be installed on the wall opposite the clear floor space, one end of each shall terminate where the tub abuts the seat.

Where a tub has an in-tub seat, two grab bars not less than 24 inches in length shall be installed on the wall opposite the clear floor space. The grab bars shall extend to not less than 24 inches from one end of the tub and not less than 12 inches from the other end. One grab bar shall be installed on the wall at the end of the tub opposite the drain, extending at least 12 inches from the clear floor space.

For all bathtubs one grab bar shall be installed on the wall at the end of the tub nearest the drain, extending at least 24 inches from the clear floor space.

D. Controls and Fixtures. Faucets and other controls shall be located above the tub rim and below the grab bars, shall be not more than 24 inches laterally from the clear floor space and shall comply with Section 3106 (c).

A shower spray unit with a hose at least 60 inches long that can be used as a fixed shower head or as a hand-held shower shall be provided.

E. Bathtub Enclosures. Where provided, enclosures for bathtubs shall not obstruct controls or transfer from wheelchairs onto bathtub seats or into tubs. Enclosures on bathtubs shall not have tracks mounted on their rims.

10. Shower Stalls. A. Configuration. Shower stalls shall have one of the following configurations:

(i) Transfer shower stalls shall be 36 inches by 36 inches, nominal, and shall have a seat; or,

(ii) Roll-in shower stalls shall be not less than 30 inches in depth by 60 inches in length.

B. Clear Floor Space. A clear floor space not less than 48 inches in length shall be provided adjacent to shower stalls. For roll-in shower stalls, the clear floor space shall be not less than 60 inches in length. The clear floor space shall be not less than 36 inches in width. A lavatory which complies with Subsection 5 above, may be located in the clear floor space of a roll-in shower.

C. Seats. In transfer shower stalls, a seat shall be mounted not less than 17 inches and not more than 19 inches above the floor, and shall extend the full depth of the stall. The seat shall be located on the wall opposite the controls and shall be mounted not more than 1-1/2 inches from the shower walls. The seat shall be not more than 16 inches in width.

EXCEPTION: A section of the seat not more than 15 inches in length and adjacent to the wall opposite the clear space, may be not more than 23 inches in width.

In roll-in shower stalls, a fold down seat complying with the dimensional requirements of this subsection, may be installed.

D. Grab Bars. All required grab bars shall be installed parallel to the floor. All grab bars shall be installed not less than 33 inches and not more than 36 inches above the floor of the clear space.

For transfer shower stalls, a grab bar not less than 18 inches in length shall be installed on the wall opposite the clear floor space, one end of which shall terminate at the wall opposite the seat. A grab bar not less than 27 inches in length shall also be installed on the wall opposite the seat.

For roll-in shower stalls, grab bars shall be provided on all permanent stall walls. Grab bars located on either end of the stall



shall be not less than 27 inches in length. The grab bar located opposite the clear space shall be not less than 48 inches in length.

E. Controls and Fixtures. Faucets and other controls shall be located on the same wall as the shower spray unit, and shall be installed not less than 38 inches or more than 48 inches above the shower floor and shall comply with Section 3106 (c).

A shower spray unit with a hose at least 60 inches long that can be used as a fixed shower head or as a hand-held shower shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: In unmonitored facilities where vandalism is a consideration, a fixed shower head may be installed not more than 48 inches above the stall floor.

F. Thresholds. In transfer shower stalls, thresholds shall be flush or beveled with a maximum edge height of 1/2 inch, and a maximum slope not more than 1 vertical in 2 horizontal.

Thresholds in roll-in shower stalls shall be level with the adjacent clear space.

G. Shower Enclosures. Where provided, enclosures for shower stalls shall not obstruct controls or transfer from wheelchairs onto shower seats.

11. Structural Requirements for Grab Bars, and Tub and Shower Seats. A. General. All grab bars, and tub and shower seats required to be accessible shall comply with this section.

B. Size and Spacing of Grab Bars. Grab bars shall have an outside diameter of not less than 1-1/4 inch nor more than 1-1/2 inches and shall provide a clearance of 1-1/2 inches between the grab bar and the wall.

C. Structural Strength. The structural strength of grab bars, tub and shower seats, fasteners and mounting devices shall meet the following specifications:

(1) Bending stress in a grab bar or seat induced by the maximum bending moment from the application of 300 lbs. shall be less than the allowable stress for the material of the grab bar or seat.

(2) Shear stress induced in a grab bar or seat by the application of 300 lbs. shall be less than the allowable shear stress for the material of the grab bar or seat. If the connection between the grab bar or seat and its mounting bracket or other support is considered to be fully restrained, then direct and torsional shear stresses shall be totaled for the combined shear stress, which shall not exceed the allowable shear stress.

(3) Shear force induced in a fastener or mounting device from the application of 300 lbs. shall be less than the allowable lateral load of either the fastener or mounting device or the supporting structure, whichever is the smaller allowable load.

(4) Tensile force induced in a fastener by a direct tension force of 300 lbs. plus the maximum moment from the application of 300 lbs. shall be less than the allowable withdrawal load between the fastener and the supporting structure.

D. Special Hazards. A grab bar and any wall or other surface adjacent to it shall be free of any sharp or abrasive elements. Edges shall have a minimum radius of 1/8 inch.

(1) Kitchens. 1. Clear Floor Space. An unobstructed floor space shall be provided within kitchens of sufficient size to inscribe a circle with a diameter not less than 60 inches. Doors in any position may encroach into this space by not more than 12 inches. The clear floor spaces at fixtures, the accessible route of travel and the unobstructed floor space may overlap.

2. Counter Surfaces and Shelving. Within Type A dwelling units, a counter surface, a minimum of 30 inches wide by 24 inches deep, shall be provided at a maximum height of 34 inches, with a space beneath at least 27 inches in height.

In other than dwelling units, at least 50 percent of shelf space in cabinets, refrigerators and freezers shall be within the reach ranges specified in Sections 3106 (b) 2. D. or 3106 (b) 2. E.

(m) Water Fountains. 1. Clear Floor Space. Wall- and post-mounted cantilevered units shall have a minimum clear floor space in front of the units 30 inches in width by 48 inches in depth to allow a forward approach.

Free-standing or built-in units not having a clear space under them shall have a clear floor space at least 30 inches in depth by 48 inches in width in order to allow a person in a wheelchair to make a parallel approach to the unit.

2. Knee Space. Wall- and post-mounted cantilevered units shall have knee space in accordance with Section 3106 (b) 2. B. The knee space shall be not less than 19 inches in depth.

3. Spout Location. Spouts shall be located not more than 36 inches above the floor or ground surface. Spouts shall be located in the front of the unit and shall direct a water flow not less than 4 inches in height, in a trajectory parallel to the front of the unit.

4. Controls. Controls shall be located not more than 6 inches from the front of the unit and shall comply with Section 3106 (c). The force required to activate the control shall not exceed 5 pounds.

5. Water Fountains in Alcoves. Where a unit is installed in an alcove greater than 8 inches in depth, the alcove shall be not less than 48 inches in width. A minimum 24 inches of clear space shall be provided from the spout to the nearest side wall of the alcove. Recessed units shall be installed such that the spout is not recessed beyond the plane of the wall.

(n) Telephones. 1. Clear Floor or Ground Space. A clear floor or ground space not less than 30 inches by 48 inches that allows either a forward or parallel approach shall be provided in front of telephones. Bases, enclosures and fixed seats shall not project into the clear floor space.

Where parallel approach is provided, any shelf or enclosure shall not project further than 10 inches beyond the face of the telephone.

Where a forward approach is provided, any shelf shall not project further than 20 inches beyond the face of the telephone; any enclosure panels shall be a minimum 30 inches apart, and where less than 36 inches apart, shall project no more than 24 inches beyond the face of the phone.

2. Height. The highest operable part of a telephone shall be within the reach ranges specified in Sections 3106 (b) 2. D. or 3106 (b) 2. E.

3. Equipment for Persons with Hearing Impairments. Telephones shall be equipped with volume controls and shall be hearing aid compatible. Volume controls shall be capable of increasing volume not less than 12 dbA or more than 18 dbA above normal.

4. Controls. Telephones shall have pushbutton controls where service for such equipment is available.

5. Cord Length. The cord from the telephone to the handset shall be not less than 29 inches in length.

6. Text Telephones. Text telephones shall be permanently affixed within, or adjacent to the telephone enclosure. Where an acoustic coupler is used, the telephone cord shall be sufficiently long to allow connection of the text telephone and the telephone receiver.

7. Shelf and Electrical Outlet. Shelves and an electrical outlet shall be located within or adjacent to the telephone enclosure. The shelf shall be not less than 10 inches by 10 inches in dimension, with a vertical clearance above the shelf of not less than 6 inches. The telephone handset shall be capable of being placed flush on the surface of the shelf.

(o) Alarms. 1. Audible Alarms. Audible alarms shall produce a sound in accordance with UFC Standard No. 14-1.

2. Visible Alarms. Visible alarm signal appliances shall be integrated into the building or facility alarm system. Where single-station audible alarms are provided, single-station visible alarm signals shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: Dwelling units in Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings.

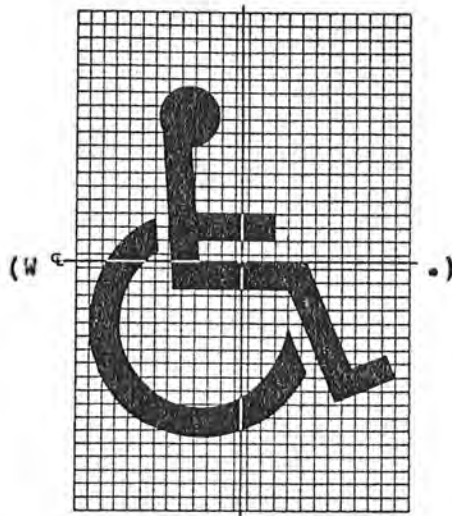
Visible alarms shall be located not less than 80 inches above floor level, or 6 inches below the ceiling, whichever is lower, and at an interval of not less than 50 feet horizontal, in rooms, corridors and hallways.

In rooms or spaces exceeding 100 feet in horizontal dimension, with no obstructions exceeding 6 feet in height above the finished floor, visible alarms may be placed around the perimeter at intervals not to exceed 100 feet horizontally.

Guidelines for visible alarm type, color, intensity and flash rate are found in Appendix Chapter 31, Division V.

3. Access to Manual Fire Alarm Systems. Manual fire alarm devices shall be mounted not more than 54 inches above the floor provided that parallel approach is provided.

(p) Signage. 1. International Symbol of Access. A. General. The International Symbol of Access shall be as shown below:



B. Text Telephones. Text Telephones required by Section 3105 (d) 2. shall be identified by the International Text Telephone symbol as shown below:



C. Assistive Listening Systems. Permanently installed assistive listening systems that are required by Section 3103 (a) 2. B. shall be identified by the International Symbol of Access for Hearing Loss as shown below:



D. Volume Control Telephones. Telephones required by Section 3105 (d) 2. to have volume controls shall be identified by a handset containing a depiction of a telephone handset with radiating sound waves.

2. Mounting Location and Height. Signs shall be installed on the wall adjacent to the latch side of the door. Signs shall be centered at 60 inches above the finished floor. Mounting location for such signage shall be such that a person may approach within 3 inches of signage without encountering protruding objects or standing within the swing of a door.

3. Finish and Color. Characters and symbols shall have a high contrast with their background. The character and background of interior signs shall be eggshell, matte, or other nonglare finish.

All interior and exterior signs depicting the International Symbol of Access shall be white on a blue background.

4. Character Proportion and Height. Letters and numbers on signs shall have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1 and a stroke-width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10.

Characters and numbers on signs shall be sized according to the viewing distance from which they are to be read. The minimum character height for signs that are suspended or projected overhead is 3 inches for upper case letters. Lower case letters are permitted.

5. Raised and Brailled Characters and Pictorial Symbol Signs (Pictograms). Letters and numerals shall be raised not less than 1/32 inch; shall be upper case, simple typeface; and shall be accompanied with Grade 2 Braille. Raised characters shall be not less than 5/8 inch or more than 2 inches in height. Where provided, pictograms shall be accompanied by the equivalent verbal description placed directly below the pictogram. The border dimension of the pictogram shall be not less than 6 inches in height.

(g) Detectable Warnings. 1. Walking Surfaces. Detectable warnings on walking surfaces shall consist of raised truncated domes having a diameter of 0.9 inches nominal, a height of 0.2 inches nominal and a center-to-center spacing of 2.35 inches nominal, and shall contrast visually with adjoining surfaces.

2. Doors To Hazardous Areas. Knobs or handles or other operating hardware on doors leading to loading platforms, stages, mechanical equipment rooms or other areas hazardous to the blind shall be knurled or otherwise rough to the touch. Such surfaces shall not be provided

for emergency exit doors or any doors other than those to hazardous areas. Textured surfaces for detectable door warnings shall be consistent within a building, facility, site or complex of buildings.

(r) Storage, Shelving and Display Units. 1. Clear Floor Space. Storage, shelving and display units shall have a clear floor space not less than 30 inches by 48 inches that allows either a forward or parallel approach.

2. Height. Accessible storage, shelving and display units shall be within the reach ranges specified in Sections 3106 (b) 2. D. or 3106 (b) 2. E. Clothes rods shall be not more than 54 inches above the floor.

(s) Seating, Tables, and Sinks. 1. Clear Floor Space. Seating spaces at tables, and sinks shall have a clear floor space of not less than 30 inches by 48 inches that allows forward approach. The clear floor space shall not overlap knee space by more than 19 inches.

2. Knee Clearances. Knee spaces at tables, counters, and sinks shall be provided in accordance with Section 3106 (b) 2. B. No projection which might obstruct the arm of a wheelchair may intrude into this clearance height, within 24 inches horizontally from the table edge.

3. Height. The tops of tables, and sinks shall be not less than 28 inches nor more than 34 inches in height above the floor or ground.

(t) Aisles. All aisles, including check out aisles, food service lines and aisles between fixed tables, shall be not less than 36 inches in width.

(u) Assembly Areas. 1. Wheelchair Spaces. A. Location. Wheelchair spaces shall be an integral part of any fixed seating plan and shall be dispersed throughout the seating area. Spaces shall adjoin an accessible route of travel that also serves as a means of egress and shall be located to provide lines of sight comparable to those for all viewing areas.

EXCEPTION: Accessible viewing positions may be clustered for bleachers, balconies and other areas having sight lines that require slopes of greater than 5 percent. Equivalent accessible viewing positions may be located on levels having accessible egress.

B. Size. Wheelchair spaces shall be not less than 33 inches in width. Where forward or rear approach is provided, wheelchair spaces shall be not less than 48 inches in depth. Where side approach is provided, wheelchair spaces shall be not less than 60 inches in depth.

C. Surfaces. The ground or floor surfaces at wheelchair locations shall be level and shall comply with Section 3106 (g).

2. Access to Performance Areas. An accessible route of travel shall connect wheelchair seating locations with performance areas, including stages, arena floors, dressing rooms, locker rooms and other spaces used by performers.

3. Placement of Assistive Listening Systems. Where an assistive-listening system serves individual fixed seats, such seats shall have a clear line of sight and shall be located not more than 50 feet from the stage or performance area.

(v) Restaurants and Cafeterias. 1. Aisles. Aisles to fixed tables required to be accessible shall comply with 3106 (s).

2. Food Service Lines. A. Clear Floor Space. Food service lines shall comply with Section 3106 (t).

B. Height. Tray slides shall be mounted not more than 34 inches in height above the floor.

C. Counters and Bars. Where service of food or drink is provided, at counters more than 34 inches in height, to customers seated on stools or standing, a portion of the main counter shall be provided in compliance with Section 3106 (s), or service shall be available at accessible tables within the same area.

D. Tableware and Condiment Areas. Self-service shelves and dispensing devices for tableware, dishware, condiments, food and beverages shall be installed to comply with Section 3106 (s).

(w) Patient Bedrooms. Each patient room shall be designed and constructed to provide a 180-degree turn that complies with Section 3106 (b) 1. Each patient room shall have a minimum clear floor space not less than 36 inches on each side of the bed.

(x) Customer Service Facilities. 1. Dressing and Fitting Rooms. A. Clear Floor Space. Dressing and fitting rooms shall have a clear floor space complying with Section 3106 (b).

EXCEPTION: Dressing and fitting rooms that are entered through a curtained opening need not comply with Section 3106 (b) 2.

B. Doors. All doors to accessible dressing and fitting rooms shall comply with Section 3106 (j).

C. Benches. Every accessible dressing or fitting room shall have a bench installed adjacent to the longest wall in the room. The bench shall be not less than 24 inches in width and 48 inches in length, and shall be mounted not less than 17 inches nor more than 19 inches above the finished floor.

Clear floor space shall be provided adjacent to the bench to allow for parallel transfer, and the structural strength of the bench shall comply with Section 3106 (k) 9. C.

Where benches are installed in dressing and fitting rooms adjacent to showers, swimming pools, or other wet locations, water shall not accumulate upon the surface of the bench and the bench shall have a slip-resistant surface.

D. Mirrors. Where provided, mirrors in accessible dressing and fitting rooms shall be not less than 18 inches in width by 54 inches in height and shall be mounted opposite the bench.

2. Counters and Windows. Where counters are required to be accessible, the accessible portion shall be not less than 36 inches in length and not more than 36 inches in height above the finished floor.

Where accessible windows are required, they shall be no more than 36 inches in height above the finished floor.

EXCEPTION: An auxiliary counter with a maximum height of 36 inches is installed in close proximity to the main counter.

3. Check-out Aisles. The width of accessible check-out aisles shall comply with Section 3106 (t). Counters in accessible check-out aisles shall be not more than 38 inches in height, and the top of the raised edge of the counter shall not exceed 40 inches in height above the finished floor.

Accessible check-out aisles shall be identified by the International Symbol of Access in accordance with Section 3106 (p) 1.

(y) Libraries. 1. Reading and Study Areas. At least 5 percent or a minimum of one of each element of fixed seating, tables or study carrels shall comply with Section 3106 (s). Clearances between fixed accessible tables and study carrels shall comply with Section 3106 (s).

2. Check-Out Areas. At least one lane at each check-out area shall comply with Section 3106 (t). Any traffic control or book security gates or turnstiles shall comply with Section 3106 (j).

3. Card Catalogs, Magazine Displays and Reference Stacks. A. Aisles. Aisles between card catalogs, magazine displays or reference stacks shall comply with Section 3106 (t).

B. Height. Card catalogs, magazine displays or reference stacks shall have a reach height of not more than 54 inches for side approach and not more than 48 inches for forward approach.

(z) Hotels and Congregate Residences. 1. Clear Floor Space. Each sleeping room shall have a space complying with Section 3106 (b) 1, along both sides of each bed.

EXCEPTION: In rooms with two beds, only one 36 inch-wide maneuvering space need be provided between the two beds.

2. Accessible Route of Travel. An accessible route complying with Section 3103 (b) 2. shall connect all accessible spaces and elements including telephones, patios, terraces, balconies, carports, garages or parking spaces with all accessible sleeping rooms.

3. Doors. Doors within all sleeping rooms, suites or other covered units shall comply with Section 3106 (j).

4. Storage. Where fixed or built-in storage is provided in accessible units, sleeping rooms or suites, including cabinets, shelves, closets and drawers shall comply with Section 3106 (r).

5. Controls. All controls in accessible units, sleeping rooms and suites shall comply with Section 3106 (c).

(aa) Dwelling Units. 1. Type A and B Dwelling Units. Type A and B dwelling units shall comply with Section 3106.

- EXCEPTIONS:
1. Kitchens in Type B dwelling units need not comply with Section 3106 (l) 1., provided that:
    - A. A clear space at least 30 inches by 48 inches that allows parallel approach by a person in a wheelchair is provided at the range or cook top and sink, and either a parallel or forward approach is provided at all other appliances; and,
    - B. In all other kitchens clearance between all opposing counters, base cabinets, countertops, appliances and walls shall be not less than 40 inches; and,
    - C. In "U" shaped kitchens with a sink, range or cooktop at the base of the "U", an unobstructed floor space of sufficient size to inscribe a circle with a diameter of not less than 60 inches shall be provided.
  2. Bathrooms in Type B dwelling units need not comply with Section 3106 (k) 1 provided that sufficient maneuvering space which is not less than 30 inches by 48 inches is provided within the bathroom. Doors may swing into the clear floor space provided at any fixture, but shall not encroach on the required maneuvering space.
  3. Doors in Type B dwelling units other than the primary entry door, need not comply with Section 3106 (j) 4. A.
  4. Mezzanines in Type A or B dwelling units need not be accessible.
  5. Raised or sunken floors in Type B dwelling units need not be accessible, provided that they do not interfere with the accessible route of travel through the unit, and are not located in the kitchen or bathroom.
  6. Counter surfaces in Type B dwelling units need not comply with Section 3106 (l) 2.
  7. Within an individual dwelling unit in an elevated building, access to other levels is not required if the accessible level complies with all requirements for accessible dwelling units and contains a bathroom.
  8. In Type B dwelling units, exterior deck, patio, or balcony surfaces may be no more than 4 inches below the floor level of the interior surface if the exterior surface is constructed of an impervious material such as concrete, brick or flagstone.
  9. Vanities or lavatories in Type A and B dwelling units shall comply may be located in the clear floor spaces as permitted in Section 3106 (k) 5. A.
  10. Seats for bathtubs or showers are not required in Type B dwelling units.
  11. In Type B dwelling units the clear floor space for bathtubs or showers may be reduced to not less than 30 inches in width by 48 inches in length.

2. Adaptable Fixtures in Dwelling Units. A. Grab Bars. Grab bars may be omitted in bathing and toilet facilities within Type A or B dwelling units, provided that all structural reinforcements for grab bar installation are provided in the appropriate locations in the adjoining walls.

B. Kitchen Counters. Cabinets or shelving may be installed beneath the counter space required by Section 3106 (1) 2., provided that such cabinetry or shelving is not permanent, and is easily removable.

C. Lavatories. Cabinets or shelving may be installed beneath bathroom lavatories provided that such cabinetry or shelving is not permanent, and is easily removable.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3107 PARKING FACILITIES. Section 3107. (a) Accessible Parking Required. For other than Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings, when parking lots or garage facilities are provided, accessible parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with Table No. 31-F. In addition, one in every eight accessible parking spaces, but in no case less than one, shall comply with the van parking space requirements in Section 3107 (b).

For Group I, Division 1.1, 1.2 and 2 medical care Occupancies specializing in the treatment of persons with mobility impairments, 20 percent of parking spaces provided accessory to such occupancies shall be accessible.

For Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings where parking is provided, one accessible parking space shall be provided for each Type A dwelling unit. In addition, where the total parking provided on a site exceeds 1 parking space per dwelling unit, not less than 2 percent, and in no case less than 1 space, of this additional parking shall be accessible.

Accessible parking spaces shall be located on the shortest possible accessible route of travel to an accessible building entrance. In facilities with multiple accessible building entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located near the accessible entrances. Wherever practical, the accessible route of travel shall not cross lanes of vehicular traffic. Where crossing traffic lanes is necessary, the route of travel shall be designated and marked as a crosswalk.

(b) Design and Construction. 1. General. When accessible parking spaces are required by this section, they shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this section.

2. Size. Parking spaces shall be not less than 96 inches in width and shall have an adjacent access aisle not less than 60 inches in width. Where two adjacent spaces are provided, the access aisle may be shared between the two spaces. Boundaries of access aisles shall be marked so that aisles will not be used as parking space.

Van accessible parking spaces shall have an adjacent access aisle not less than 96 inches in width.

3. Vertical Clearance. Where accessible parking spaces are provided for vans, the vertical clearance shall be not less than 114 inches.

4. Slope. Accessible parking spaces and access aisles shall be located on a surface with a slope not to exceed 1 vertical in 48 horizontal.

5. Surface. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be firm, stable, smooth and slip-resistant.

(c) Signs. Every parking space required by this section shall be identified by a sign, centered between 3 and 5 feet above the parking surface, at the head of the parking space. The sign shall include the International Symbol of Access and the phrase "State Disabled Parking Permit Required".



NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3108 PASSENGER DROP-OFF AND LOADING ZONES. Section 3108. (a) Location. Where provided, passenger drop-off and loading zones shall be located on an accessible route of travel.

(b) Design and Construction. 1. General. Passenger drop-off and loading zones shall be designed and constructed in accordance with this section.

2. Passenger Drop-off Zones. A. Size. Drop-off zones shall be not less than 12 feet in width by 25 feet in length with the long dimension abutting and parallel to an accessible route of travel.

B. Slope. Such zones shall be located on a surface with a slope not exceeding 1 vertical in 48 horizontal.

3. Passenger Loading Zones. A. Size. Passenger loading zones shall provide an access aisle not less than 5 feet in width by 20 feet in length with the long dimension abutting and parallel to: (1) the vehicle space on one side and (2) an accessible route of travel on the other.

B. Slope. Such zones shall be located on a surface with a slope not exceeding 1 vertical in 48 horizontal.

PART III  
ACCESSIBILITY FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3109 SCOPE. Section 3109. 1. General. The provisions of this part apply to renovation, alteration and additions to existing buildings including those identified as historic buildings. This chapter includes minimum standards for removing architectural barriers, and providing and maintaining accessibility for persons with disabilities to existing buildings and their related facilities.

2. Equivalent facilitation. Departures from specific technical and scoping requirements of this part by the use of alternate methods are permitted where such methods will provide equivalent or greater access to, and usability of, the facility. Alternate methods shall permit individuals with disabilities to approach, enter and use a site, building, facility or portion thereof; as easily, safely, conveniently and independently as the specified method.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3110 DEFINITIONS. Section 3110. For the purpose of this part, certain terms are designated as follows:

ALTERATION is any change, addition or modification in construction or occupancy.

ALTERATION, SUBSTANTIAL is any alteration where the total cost of all alterations (including but not limited to electrical, mechanical, plumbing and structural changes) for a building or facility within any 12-month period amounts to 60 percent or more of the assessed value.

PATH OF TRAVEL means a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which an altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, streets, and parking areas), an entry to the facility, and other parts of the facility. For the purposes of

this part, the term path of travel also includes restrooms, telephones, and water fountains serving the altered area.

TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE means that an alteration has little likelihood of being accomplished because existing structural conditions would require removing or altering a load-bearing member or because site constraints prohibit modification or addition of elements, spaces or features necessary to provide accessibility.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3111 ADDITIONS. Section 3111. New additions may be made to existing buildings without making the entire building comply, provided the new additions conform to the provisions of Part II of this chapter except as follows:

1. Entries. Where a new addition to a building or facility does not have an accessible entry, at least one entry in the existing building or facility shall be accessible.

2. Accessible Route. Where the only accessible entry to the addition is located in the existing building or facility, at least one accessible route of travel shall be provided through the existing building or facility to all rooms, elements and spaces in the new addition which are required to be accessible.

3. Toilet and Bathing Facilities. Where there are no toilet rooms and bathing facilities in an addition and these facilities are provided in the existing building, then at least one toilet and bathing facility in the existing facility shall comply with Section 3106 or with Section 3112 (c) 5.

4. Group I Occupancies. Where patient rooms are added to an existing Group I Occupancy, a percentage of the additional rooms equal to the requirement of Section 3103 (a) 6., but in no case more than the total number of rooms required by Section 3103 (a) 6. shall comply with Section 3106 (w). Where toilet or bath facilities are part of the accessible rooms, they shall comply with Section 3106 (k).

5. Group R, Division 1 Apartment Buildings. Additions of 3 or fewer dwelling units in Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings need not comply with Part I of this chapter.

Where an addition affects the access to or use of an area of primary function, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the area of primary function shall be made accessible.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3112 ALTERATIONS. Section 3112. Alterations. (a) General. 1. Compliance. Alterations to existing buildings or facilities shall comply with this section. No alteration shall reduce or have the effect of reducing accessibility or usability of a building, portion of a building or facility. If compliance with this section is technically infeasible, the alteration shall provide accessibility to the maximum extent feasible.

EXCEPTION: Except when substantial as defined by Section 3110, alterations to Group R, Division 1 apartment buildings need not comply with this section.

2. Existing Elements. If existing elements, spaces, essential features or common areas are altered, each such altered element, space

feature or area shall comply with the applicable provisions of Part II of this chapter. Where an alteration is to an area of primary function, to the maximum extent feasible, the path of travel to the altered area shall be made accessible. See also Appendix Chapter 31 Division II.

Exceptions: 1. Accessible route of travel need not be provided to altered elements, spaces or common areas which are not areas of primary function.  
2. Areas of evacuation assistance need not be added to an altered building.

3. Installation of Stairs or Escalators. Where an escalator or new stairway is planned or installed requiring major structural changes, then a means of vertical transportation (e.g. elevator, platform lift) shall be provided in accordance with this chapter.

4. Other Requirements. A. Where alterations of single elements, when considered together, amount to an alteration of a room or space in a building or facility, the entire area or space shall be accessible.

B. No alteration of an existing element, space or area of a building shall impose a requirement for greater accessibility than that which would be required for new construction.

C. Where the alteration work is limited solely to the electrical, mechanical or plumbing system or hazardous materials removal, and does not involve the alteration, structural or otherwise, of any elements and spaces required to be accessible under these standards, Chapter 31 does not apply.

D. Where alterations would increase the number of public pay phones to four, with at least one on the interior; or where the existing facility has four or more public pay phones and one or more is altered; at least one interior text telephone shall be provided in accordance with Section 3106 (n).

E. Where a building has an accessible entry, altered entries need not be made accessible unless they provide access to areas of primary function.

F. Where sleeping rooms are altered in an existing Group R, Division 1 hotel or motel, at least 1 sleeping room that complies with Section 3106 (z) shall be provided for each 25 sleeping rooms or fraction thereof. In addition, at least 1 sleeping room for each 25 sleeping rooms or fraction thereof shall have telephones, visible alarms, and visible notification devices in accordance with Section 3103 (a) 8. C. (ii).

G. Where patient rooms are altered in an existing Group I Occupancy, a percentage of the altered rooms equal to the requirement of Section 3103 (a) 6., but in no case more than the total number of rooms required by Section 3103 (a) 6. shall comply with Section 3106 (w). Where toilet or bath facilities are part of the accessible rooms, they shall comply with Section 3106 (k).

(b) Substantial Alterations. Where substantial alteration as defined in Section 3110 occurs to a building or facility, the entire building or facility shall comply with Part II of this code.

(c) Modifications. 1. General. The following modifications set forth in this section may be used for compliance where the required standard is technically infeasible or when providing access to historic buildings:

2. Ramps. Curb ramps and ramps constructed on existing sites, or in existing buildings or facilities, may have slopes and rises as specified for existing facilities in Chapter 31, where space limitations prohibit the use of 1 vertical in 12 horizontal slope or less provided that:

A. A slope not greater than 1 vertical in 10 horizontal is allowed for a maximum rise of 6 inches.

B. A slope not greater than 1 vertical in 8 horizontal is allowed for a maximum rise of 3 inches.

C. Slopes greater than 1 vertical in 8 horizontal are prohibited.

3. Stairs. Full extension of stair handrails is not required when such extension would be hazardous or impossible due to plan configuration. When an accessible elevator is provided, existing stairs need not be made accessible.

4. Elevators. Elevators shall comply with Chapter 296-81, Washington Administrative Code.

5. Platform Lifts. Upon the approval of the building official, platform lifts may be used in lieu of elevators in alterations, in locations in addition to those permitted in Part II of this chapter, if installation of an elevator is technically infeasible.

Platform lifts shall comply with chapter 296-81 WAC.

6. Doors. A. Clearance. When existing elements prohibit strict compliance with the clearance requirements, a projection of 5/8 inch maximum is permitted for the latch side door stop.

B. Thresholds. Existing thresholds measuring 3/4 inch high or less which are modified to provide a beveled edge on each side, may be retained.

7. Toilet Rooms. A. Shared Facilities. The addition of one unisex toilet facility accessible to all occupants on the floor may be provided in lieu of making existing toilet facilities accessible when it is technically infeasible to comply with either part of Chapter 31.

B. Number. The number of toilet facilities and water closets required by the Uniform Plumbing Code may be reduced by one, in order to provide accessible features.

8. Assembly Areas. Seating shall adjoin an accessible route of travel that also serves as a means of emergency egress or route to an area for evacuation assistance. In alterations, accessibility to raised or sunken dining areas, or to all parts of outdoor seating areas is not required provided that the same services and amenities are provided in an accessible space usable by the general public and not restricted to use by people with disabilities.

9. Dressing Rooms. Where it is technically infeasible to meet the requirements of Part I of this chapter, one dressing room for each sex, or a unisex dressing room, on each level shall be accessible.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3113 HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Section 3113. (a) General. Generally, the accessibility provisions of this part shall be applied to historic buildings and facilities as defined in Section 104 (f) of this code.

The building official, after consultation with the appropriate historic preservation officer, shall determine whether provisions required by this part for accessible routes of travel (interior or exterior), ramps, entrances, toilets, parking or signage would threaten or destroy the historic significance of the building or facility.

If it is determined that any of the accessibility requirements listed above would threaten or destroy the historic significance of a building or facility, the modifications of Section 3112 (c) for that feature may be utilized.

(b) Special Provisions. Where removing architectural barriers or providing accessibility would threaten or destroy the historic significance of a building or facility, the following special provisions may be used:

1. At least one accessible route from a site access point to an accessible route shall be provided.

2. At least one accessible entry which is used by the public shall be provided.

EXCEPTION: Where it is determined by the building official that no entrance used by the public can comply, access at any accessible entry which is unlocked during business hours

may be used provided directional signs are located at the main entry and the accessible entry has a notification system. The route of travel for the accessible entry shall not pass through hazardous areas, storage rooms, closets, kitchens or spaces used for similar purposes.

3. Where toilet facilities are provided, at least one toilet facility complying with Section 3111 and 3112 shall be provided along an accessible route. Such toilet facility shall be a shared facility available to both sexes.

4. Accessible routes from an accessible entry to all publicly used spaces, on at least the level of the accessible entry, shall be provided. Access should be provided to all levels of a building or facility when practical. Displays and written information and documents shall be located where they can be seen by a seated person.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3114 APPEAL. Section 3114 (a) Request for Appeal. An appeal from the standards for accessibility for existing buildings may be filed with the building official in accordance with Section 204, when:

1. Existing structural elements or physical constraints of the site prevent full compliance or would threaten or destroy the historical significance of a historic building, or

2. For the path of travel, the cost of compliance with this part would exceed 20% of the total project cost, inclusive of the cost of eliminating barriers, within a 36-month period.

(b) Review. 1. Consideration of Alternative Methods. Review of appeal requests shall include consideration of alternative methods which may provide partial access.

2. Waiver or Modification of Requirements. The appeals board may waive or modify the requirements of this section when it is determined that compliance with accessibility requirements would threaten or destroy the historic significance of a building or facility.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3151 SECTION 3151.

TABLE NO. 31-A  
WHEELCHAIR SPACES REQUIRED IN ASSEMBLY AREAS

Capacity of Seating in Assembly Area	Number of Required Wheelchair Spaces
4 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 300	4
301 to 500	6
over 500	6 plus 1 for each 100 over 500

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3152 SECTION 3152.

TABLE NO. 31-B  
REQUIRED TYPE A DWELLING UNITS

Total Number of Dwelling Units on Site	Required Number of Type A Dwelling Units
0-10	None
11-20	1
21-40	2
41-60	3
61-80	4
81-100	5
For every 20 units or fractional part thereof, over 100	1 additional

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3153 SECTION 3153.

TABLE NO. 31-C-NUMBER OF  
ACCESSIBLE ROOMS AND ROLL-IN SHOWERS

TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS <sup>1</sup>	MINIMUM REQUIRED ACCESSIBLE ROOMS <sup>1</sup>	ROOMS WITH ROLL-IN SHOWERS
1-25	1	
26-50	2	
51-75	3	1
76-100	4	1
101-150	5	2
151-200	6	2
201-300	7	3
301-400	8	4
401-500	9	4 plus 1 for
501-1000	2% of total	every 100 rooms
Over 1000	20 plus 1 for	or fraction
	every 100 rooms	thereof, over
	or fraction	400.
	thereof, over	
	1000	

<sup>1</sup>. For congregate residences the numbers in these columns shall apply to beds rather than rooms.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3154 SECTION 3154.

**TABLE NO. 31-D-NUMBER OF  
ACCESSIBLE ROOMS FOR PERSONS  
WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS**

TOTAL NUMBER OF ROOMS	MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1000	2% of total rooms 20 plus 1 for every 100 rooms, or fraction thereof, over 1000.
Over 1000	



NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3155 SECTION 3155.

TABLE NO. 31-E  
REQUIRED CHECK-OUT AISLES

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Total Check-out Aisles Units on Site	Minimum Number of Accessible Check-out Aisles
1-4	1
5-8	2
9-15	3
Over 15	3 plus 20% of additional aisles

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3156 SECTION 3156.

TABLE NO. 31-F-NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES

TOTAL PARKING SPACES IN LOT OR GARAGE	MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE SPACES
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-999	2% of total spaces
Over 1000	20 spaces plus 1 space for every 100 spaces, or fraction thereof, over 1000.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3300 CHAPTER 33. Exits.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3304 DOORS. Section 3304. (a) General. This section shall apply to every exit door serving an area having an occupant load of 10 or more, or serving hazardous rooms or areas, except that Subsections (c), (i), (j) and (k) shall apply to all exit doors regardless of occupant load. Buildings or structures used for human

occupancy shall have at least one exterior exit door that meets the requirements of Subsection (f). Doors and landings at doors which are located within an accessible route of travel shall also comply with Chapter 31.

(b) **Swing and Opening Force.** Exit doors shall be of the pivoted or side-hinged swinging type. Exit doors shall swing in the direction of exit travel when serving any hazardous area or when serving an occupant load of 50 or more. The door latch shall release when subjected to a 15-pound force, and the door shall be set in motion when subjected to a 30-pound force. The door shall swing to full-open position when subjected to 15-pound force. Forces shall be applied to the latch side. Except that at exit doors within the accessible route of travel such force shall not exceed 8.5 pounds, and at sliding and folding doors, and interior swinging doors such force shall not exceed 5 pounds. At exterior doors where environmental conditions require greater closing pressure, power-operated doors shall be used within the accessible route of travel.

See Section 4507 for doors swinging over public property.

- EXCEPTIONS:**
1. Group I, Division 3 Occupancy used as a place of detention.
  2. In other than accessible dwelling units doors within or serving an individual dwelling unit.
  3. Special door conforming with subsection (h).

Double-acting doors shall not be used as exits when any of the following conditions exist:

1. The occupant load served by the door is 100 or more.
2. The door is part of a fire assembly.
3. The door is part of a smoke- and draft-control assembly.
4. Panic hardware is required or provided on the floor.

A double-acting door shall be provided with a view panel of not less than 200 square inches.

(c) **Type of Lock or Latch.** Exit doors shall be openable from the inside without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort.

- EXCEPTIONS:**
1. In Group B Occupancies, key-locking hardware may be used on the main exit when the main exit consists of a single door or pair of doors if there is a readily visible, durable sign on or adjacent to the door stating THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED DURING BUSINESS HOURS. The sign shall be in letters not less than 1 inch high on a contrasting background. When unlocked, the single door or both leaves of a pair of doors must be free to swing without operation of any latching device. The use of this exception may be revoked by the building official for due cause.
  2. Exit doors from individual dwelling units; Group R, Division 3 congregate residences; and guest rooms of Group R Occupancies having an occupant load of 10 or less may be provided with a night latch, dead bolt or security chain, provided such devices are openable from the inside without the use of a key or tool and mounted at a height not to exceed 48 inches above the finished floor.

Manually operated edge- or surface-mounted flush bolts and surface bolts are prohibited. When exit doors are used in pairs and approved automatic flush bolts are used, the door leaf having the automatic flush bolts shall have no door knob or surface-mounted hardware. The unlatching of any leaf shall not require more than one operation.

- EXCEPTIONS:**
1. Group R, Division 3 Occupancies.
  2. When a pair of doors serving a room not normally

occupied are needed for the movement of equipment, manually operated edge or surface bolts may be used and a door closer need not be provided on the inactive leaf.

(d) **Panic Hardware.** Panic hardware, when installed, shall comply with the requirements of U.B.C. Standard No. 33-4. The activating member shall be mounted at a height of not less than 30 inches or more than 44 inches above the floor. The unlatching force shall not exceed 15 pounds when applied in the direction of exit travel.

When balanced doors are used and panic hardware is required, panic hardware shall be of the push-pad type and the pad shall not extend across more than one-half of the width of the door measured from the latch side.

(e) **Special Egress-control Devices.** When approved by the building official, exit doors in Group B, Division 2 Occupancies may be equipped with approved listed special egress-control devices of the time-delay type, provided the building is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system and an approved automatic smoke-detection system. Such devices shall conform to all of the following:

1. Automatically deactivate the egress-control device upon activation of either the sprinkler system or the detection system.

2. Automatically deactivate the egress-control device upon loss of electrical power to any one of the following:

A. The egress-control device.

B. The smoke-detection device.

C. Exit illumination as required by Section 3313.

3. Be capable of being deactivated by a signal from a switch located in an approved location.

4. Initiate an irreversible process which will deactivate the egress-control device whenever a manual force of not more than 15 pounds is applied for two seconds to the panic bar or other door-latching hardware. The egress-control device shall deactivate within an approved time period not to exceed a total of 15 seconds. The time delay established for each egress-control device shall not be field adjustable.

5. Actuation of the panic bar or other door-latching hardware shall activate an audible signal at the door.

6. The unlatching shall not require more than one operation.

A sign shall be provided on the door located above and within 12 inches of the panic bar or other door-latching hardware reading: KEEP PUSHING. THIS DOOR WILL OPEN IN ..... SECONDS. ALARM WILL SOUND.

Sign letter shall be at least 1 inch in height and shall have a stroke of not less than 1/8 inch.

Regardless of the means of deactivation, relocking of the egress-control device shall be by manual means only at the door.

(f) **Width and Height.** Every required exit doorway shall be of a size as to permit the installation of a door not less than 3 feet in width and not less than 6 feet 8 inches in height. When installed, exit doors shall be capable of opening so that the clear width of the exit is not less than 32 inches. In computing the exit width required by Section 3303 (b), the net dimension of the exitway shall be used.

(g) **Door Leaf Width.** A single leaf of an exit door shall not exceed 4 feet in width.

(h) **Special Doors.** Revolving, sliding and overhead doors shall not be used as required exits. Where a turnstile is used, a gate or door to accommodate persons with disabilities shall be installed.

**EXCEPTION:** Horizontal sliding doors complying with U.B.C. Standard No. 43-13 may be used in:

A. Elevator lobbies.

B. Smoke barriers of Group I, Division 1.1 Occupancies.

Power-operated doors complying with U.B.C. Standard No. 33-1 may be used for exit purposes. Such doors when swinging shall have two guide rails installed on the swing side projecting out from the face of the door jambs for a distance not less than the widest door leaf.

Guide rails shall be not less than 30 inches in height with solid or mesh panels to prevent penetration into door swing and shall be capable of resisting a horizontal load at top of rail of not less than 50 pounds per lineal foot.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Walls or other type separators may be used in lieu of the above guide rail, provided all the criteria are met.  
 2. Guide rails in industrial or commercial occupancies not accessible to the public may conform with the exception to the third paragraph of Section 1712.  
 3. Doors swinging toward flow of traffic shall not be permitted for use by untrained pedestrian traffic unless actuating devices start to function at least 8 feet 11 inches beyond door in open position and guide rails extend 6 feet 5 inches beyond door in open position.

Clearances for guide rails shall be as follows:

1. Six inches maximum between rails and leading edge of door at the closest point in its arc of travel.  
 2. Six inches maximum between rails and the door in an open position.  
 3. Two inches minimum between rail at hinge side and door in open position.  
 4. Two inches maximum between freestanding rails and jamb or other adjacent surface.

(i) Floor Level at Doors. Regardless of the occupant load, there shall be a floor or landing on each side of a door. When access for persons with disabilities is required by Chapter 31, the floor or landing shall not be more than 1/2 inch lower than the threshold of the doorway. When such access is not required, such dimension shall not exceed 1 inch. Landings shall be level except for exterior landings, which may have a slope not to exceed 1/4 inch per foot.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. In Group R, Division 3, and Group M Occupancies and within individual units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies:  
 A. A door may open at the top step of an interior flight of stairs, provided the door does not swing over the top step.  
 B. A Door may open at a landing that is not more than 8 inches lower than the floor level, provided the door does not swing over the landing.  
 C. Screen doors and storm doors may swing over stairs, steps or landings.  
 2. Doors serving building equipment rooms which are not normally occupied.

(j) Landings at Doors. Landings shall have a width not less than the width of the stairway or the width of the door, whichever is the greater. Doors in the fully open position shall not reduce a required dimension by more than 7 inches. When a landing serves an occupant load of 50 or more, doors in any position shall not reduce the landing dimension to less than one-half its required width. Landings shall have a length measured in the direction of travel of not less than 44 inches.

EXCEPTION: In Group R, Division 3, and Group M Occupancies and within individual units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, such length need not exceed 36 inches.

A Landing which has no adjoining door shall comply with Section 3306 (g).

(k) Door Identification. Glass doors shall conform to the requirements specified in Section 5406.

Exit doors shall be marked so that they are readily distinguishable from the adjacent construction.

(1) Additional Doors. When additional doors are provided for egress purposes, they shall conform to all provisions of this chapter.

EXCEPTION: Approved revolving doors having leaves which will collapse under opposing pressures may be used in exit situations, provided:

- A. Such doors have a minimum width of 6 feet 6 inches.
- B. At least one conforming exit door is located adjacent to each revolving door.
- C. The revolving door shall not be considered to provide any exit width.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3306 STAIRWAYS. Section 3306. (a) General. Every stairway having two or more risers serving any building or portion thereof shall conform to the requirements of this section. When aisles in assembly rooms have steps, they shall conform with the provisions in Section 3315.

EXCEPTION: Stairs or ladders used only to attend equipment are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(b) Width. The minimum stairway width shall be determined as specified in Section 3303 (b), but shall not be less than 44 inches except as specified herein. Stairways serving an occupant load of 49 or less shall not be less than 36 inches in width.

Handrails may project into the required width a distance of 3 1/2 inches from each side of a stairway. Stringers and other projections such as trim and similar decorative features may project into required width 1 1/2 inches on each side.

(c) Rise and Run. The rise of every step in a stairway shall not be less than 4 inches or greater than 7 inches. Except as permitted in Subsections (d) and (f), the run shall not be less than 11 inches as measured horizontally between the vertical planes of the furthestmost projection of adjacent treads. Except as permitted in Subsections (d), (e) and (f), the largest tread run within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch. The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Private stairways serving an occupant load of less than 10 and stairways to unoccupied roofs may be constructed with an 8-inch maximum rise and a 9-inch minimum run.

2. Where the bottom or top riser adjoins a sloping public way, walk or driveway having an established grade and serving as a landing, the bottom or top riser may be reduced along the slope to less than 4 inches in height with the variation in height of the bottom or top riser not to exceed 3 inches in every 3 feet of stairway width.

(d) Winding Stairways. In Group R, Division 3 Occupancies and in private stairways in Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, winders may be used if the required width of run is provided at a point not more than 12 inches from the side of the stairway where the treads are narrower, but in no case shall any width of run be less than 6 inches at any point.

(e) Circular Stairways. Circular stairways may be used as an exit, provided the minimum width of run is not less than 10 inches and the smaller radius is not less than twice the width of the stairway. The largest tread width or riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch.

(f) Spiral Stairways. In Group R, Division 3 Occupancies and in private stairways within individual units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies, spiral stairways may be installed. Such stairways may be used for required exits when the area served is limited to 400 square feet.

The tread must provide a clear walking area measuring at least 26 inches from the outer edge of the supporting column to the inner edge of the handrail. A run of at least 7 1/2 inches is to be provided at a point 12 inches from where the tread is the narrowest. The rise must be sufficient to provide 6-foot 6-inch headroom. The rise shall not exceed 9 1/2 inches.

(g) Landings. Stairways shall have landings at the top and bottom. Every landing shall have a dimension measured in the direction of travel not less than the width of the stairway. Such dimension need not exceed 44 inches when the stair has a straight run. There shall not be more than 12 feet vertically between landings. For landings with adjoining doors, see Section 3304 (j).

EXCEPTION: Stairs serving an unoccupied roof are exempt from these provisions.

(h) Basement Stairways. When a basement stairway and a stairway to an upper story terminate in the same exit enclosure, an approved barrier shall be provided to prevent persons from continuing on into the basement. Directional exit signs shall be provided as specified in Section 3314.

(i) Handrails. Stairways shall have handrails on each side, and every stairway required to be more than 88 inches in width shall be provided with not less than one intermediate handrail for each 88 inches of required width. Intermediate handrails shall be spaced approximately equally across the entire width of the stairway.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Stairways less than 44 inches in width or stairways serving one individual dwelling unit in Group R, Division 1 or 3 Occupancies, or a Group R, Division 3 congregate residence may have one handrail.  
2. Private stairways 30 inches or less in height may have handrails on one side only.  
3. Stairways having less than four risers and serving one individual dwelling unit in Group R, Division 1 or 3, or a Group R, Division 3 congregate residence or serving Group M Occupancies need not have handrails.

The top of handrails and handrail extensions shall be placed not less than 34 inches or more than 38 inches above the nosing of treads and landings. Handrails shall be continuous the full length of the stairs and, except for private stairways, at least one handrail shall extend in the direction of the stair run not less than 12 inches beyond the top riser or less than 23 inches beyond the bottom riser. Ends shall be returned or shall terminate in newel posts or safety terminals.

The handgrip portion of handrails shall be not less than 1 1/2 inches or more than 2 inches in cross-sectional dimension or the shape shall provide an equivalent gripping surface. The handgrip portion of handrails shall have a smooth surface with no sharp corners.

Handrails projecting from a wall shall have a space of not less than 1 1/2 inches between the wall and the handrail. Any recess containing a handrail shall allow a clearance of not less than 18 inches above the top of the rail, and shall be not more than 3 inches in horizontal depth.

Handrails shall not rotate within their fittings.

(j) Guardrails. Stairways open on one or both sides shall have guardrails as required by Section 1712.

(k) Exterior Stairway Protection. Except in Group R, Division 3 Occupancies, all openings in the exterior wall below and within 10 feet, measured horizontally, of an exterior exit stairway serving a

building over two stories in height or a floor level having such openings in two or more floors below shall be protected by self-closing fire assembly having a three-fourths-hour fire-protection rating. Exterior stairways enclosed on three or more sides shall comply with the flame-spread requirements for interior stairways.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Openings may be unprotected when two separated exterior stairways serve an exterior exit balcony.  
2. Protection of openings is not required for open parking garages conforming to Section 709.

(l) Interior Stairway Construction. Interior stairways shall be constructed as specified in Part IV of this code.

Except when enclosed useable space under stairs is prohibited by Section 3309 (f), the walls and soffits of the enclosed space shall be protected on the enclosed side as required for one-hour fire-resistive construction.

All required interior stairways which extend to the top floor in any building four or more stories in height shall have, at the highest point of the stair shaft, an approved hatch openable to the exterior not less than 16 square feet in area with a minimum dimension of 2 feet.

EXCEPTION: The hatch need not be provided on smokeproof enclosures or on stairways that extend to the roof with an opening onto that roof.

Stairways exiting directly to the exterior of a building four or more stories in height shall be provided with means for emergency entry for fire department access.

(m) Exterior Stairway Construction. Exterior stairways shall be constructed as specified in Part IV of this code.

Exterior stairways shall not project into yards where openings are not permitted or protection of openings is required.

Enclosed usable space under stairs shall have the walls and soffits protected on the enclosed side as required for one-hour fire-resistive construction.

Stairways exiting directly to the exterior of a building four or more stories in height shall be provided with means for emergency entry for fire department access.

(n) Stairway to Roof. In buildings four or more stories in height, one stairway shall extend to the roof surface, unless the roof has a slope greater than 4 in 12. See Subsection 3306 (l) for roof hatch requirements.

(o) Headroom. Every stairway shall have a headroom clearance of not less than 6 feet 8 inches. Such clearances shall be measured vertically from a plane parallel and tangent to the stairway tread nosings to the soffit above at all points.

(p) Stairway Identification. Approved stairway identification signs shall be located at each floor level in all enclosed stairways in buildings four or more storied in height. The sign shall identify the stairway, indicate whether there is roof access, the floor level, and the upper and lower terminus of the stairway. The sign shall be located approximately 5 feet above the floor landing in a position which is readily visible when the door is in the open or closed position. Signs shall comply with requirements of U.B.C. Standard No. 33-2.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3315 AISLES. Section 3315. (a) General. Aisles leading to required exits shall be provided from all portions of



buildings. Aisles located within an accessible route of travel shall also comply with Chapter 31.

(b) Width in Occupancies without Fixed Seats. The width of aisles in occupancies without fixed seats shall comply with this section. Aisle widths shall be provided in accordance with the following:

1. In areas serving employees only, the minimum aisle width may be 24 inches but not less than the width required by the number of employees served.

2. In public areas of Group B, Division 2 Occupancies, and in assembly occupancies without fixed seats, the minimum clear aisle width shall be 36 inches where tables, counters, furnishings, merchandise or other similar obstructions are placed on one side of the aisle only and 44 inches when such obstructions are placed on both sides of the aisle.

(c) Width in Assembly Occupancies with Fixed Seats. Aisles in assembly occupancies with fixed seats shall comply with this section. The clear width of aisles shall be based on the number of occupants within the portion of the seating areas served by the aisle.

The clear width of an aisle in inches shall not be less than the occupant load served by the aisle multiplied by 0.3 for aisles with slopes greater than 1 vertical to 8 horizontal and not less than 0.2 for aisles with slopes of 1 vertical to 8 horizontal or less. In addition, when the rise of steps in aisles exceeds 7 inches, the aisle clear width shall be increased by 1 1/4 inches for each 100 occupants or fraction thereof served for each 1/4 inch of riser height above 7 inches.

Where exiting is possible in two directions, the width of such aisles shall be uniform throughout their length.

When aisles converge to form a single path of exit travel, the aisle width shall not be less than the combined required width of the converging aisle.

In assembly rooms with fixed seats arranged in rows, the clear width of aisles shall not be less than set forth above or less than the following:

48 inches for stairs having seating on both sides.

36 inches for stairs having seating on one side.

23 inches between a stair handrail and seating when the aisles are subdivided by the handrail.

42 inches for level or ramped aisles having seating on both sides.

36 inches for level or ramped aisles having seating on one side.

23 inches between a stair handrail and seating when an aisle does not serve more than five rows on one side.

(d) Aisle Termination. Aisles shall terminate at a cross aisle, foyer, doorway or vomitory. Aisles shall not have a dead end greater than 20 feet in length.

**EXCEPTION:** A longer dead-end aisle is permitted when seats served by the dead-end aisle are not more than 24 seats from another aisle measured along a row of seats having a minimum clear width of 12 inches plus 0.6 inch for each additional seat above seven in a row.

Each end of a cross aisle shall terminate at an aisle, foyer, doorway or vomitory.

(e) Ramp Slope. The slope of ramped aisles shall not be more than 1 vertical in 8 horizontal. Ramped aisles shall have a slip-resistant surface.

**EXCEPTION:** When provided with fixed seating, theaters may have a slope not steeper than 1 vertical to 5 horizontal.

(f) Aisle Steps. 1. When prohibited. Steps shall not be used in aisles having a slope of 1 vertical to 8 horizontal or less.

2. When required. Aisles with a slope steeper than 1 vertical to 8 horizontal shall consist of a series of risers and treads extending

across the entire width of the aisle, except as provided in subsection (e).

The height of risers shall not be more than 7 inches or less than 4 inches and the tread run shall not be less than 11 inches. The riser height shall be uniform within each flight and the tread run shall be uniform throughout the aisle. Variations in run or height between adjacent treads or risers shall not exceed  $3/16$  inch. A contrasting marking stripe or other approved marking shall be provided on each tread at the nosing or leading edge such that the location of each tread is readily apparent when viewed in descent. Such stripe shall be a minimum of 1 inch wide and a maximum of 2 inches wide.

**EXCEPTION:** When the slope of aisle steps and the adjoining seating area is the same, the riser heights may be increased to a maximum of 9 inches and may be nonuniform but only to the extent necessitated by changes in the slope of the adjoining seating area to maintain adequate sightlines. Variations may exceed  $3/16$  inch between adjacent risers provided the exact location of such variations is identified with a marking stripe on each tread at the nosing or leading edge adjacent to the nonuniform riser. The marking stripe shall be distinctively different from the contrasting marking stripe.

(g) Handrails. Handrails shall comply with the height, size and shape dimensions set forth in Section 3306(i) and shall have rounded terminations or bends. Ramped aisles having a slope steeper than 1 vertical to 15 horizontal and aisle stairs (two or more adjacent steps) shall have handrails located either at the side or within the aisle width. Handrails may project into the required aisle width a distance of 3 1/2 inches.

**EXCEPTIONS:** 1. Handrails may be omitted on ramped aisles having a slope not greater than 1 vertical in 8 horizontal when fixed seating is on both sides of the aisle.  
2. Handrails may be omitted when a guardrail is at the side of an aisle which conforms to the size and shape requirements for handrails.

Handrails located within the aisle width shall be discontinuous with gaps or breaks at intervals not to exceed five rows. These gaps or breaks shall have a clear width of not less than 22 inches or more than 36 inches measured horizontally. Such handrails shall have an additional intermediate handrail located 12 inches below the main handrail.

NEW SECTION

## WAC 51-20-3350 SECTION 3350.

TABLE NO. 33-A  
MINIMUM EGRESS REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>

USE <sup>2</sup>	MINIMUM OF TWO EXITS OTHER THAN ELEVATORS ARE REQUIRED WHERE NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS IS AT LEAST	OCCUPANT LOAD FACTOR <sup>3</sup> (sq. ft.)
1. Aircraft hangars (no repair)	10	500
2. Auction rooms	30	7
3. Assembly areas, concentrated use (without fixed seats Auditoriums Churches and chapels Dance floors Lobby accessory to assembly occupancy Lodge rooms Reviewing stands Stadiums Waiting Area	50	7
4. Assembly areas, less-concentrated use Conference rooms Dining rooms Drinking establishments Exhibit rooms Gymnasiums Lounges Stages	50	15
5. Bowling alley (assume no occupant load for bowling lanes)	50	4
6. Children's homes and homes for the aged	6	80
7. Classrooms	50	20
8. Congregate residences (accommodating 10 or less persons and having an area of 3,000 square feet or less) Congregate residences (accommodating more than 10 persons or having an area of more than 3,000 square feet)	10	300
9. Courtrooms	50	40
10. Dormitories	10	50
11. Dwellings	10	300
12. Exercising rooms	50	50
13. Garage, parking	30	200

TABLE NO. 33-A--MINIMUM EGRESS REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>--(Continued)

USE <sup>2</sup>	MINIMUM OF TWO EXITS OTHER THAN ELEVATORS ARE REQUIRED WHERE NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS IS AT LEAST	OCCUPANT LOAD FACTOR <sup>3</sup> (sq. ft.)
14. Hospitals and sanitariums--		
Nursing homes	6	80
Sleeping rooms		
Treatment rooms	10	80
Health-care center	10	80
15. Hotels and apartments	10	200
16. Kitchen--commercial	30	200
17. Laboratories (B-2)		
Instructional and teaching laboratories at schools, colleges and universities	10	50
All other B-2 laboratories	10	100
18. Library reading room	50	50
19. Locker rooms	30	50
20. Malls (see Chapter 56)	--	---
21. Manufacturing areas	30	200
22. Mechanical equipment room	30	300
23. Nurseries for children (day care)	7	35
24. Offices	30	100
25. School shops and vocational rooms	50	50
26. Skating rinks	50	50 on the skating area; 15 on the deck
27. Storage and stock rooms	30	300
28. Stores--retail sales rooms	50	30
29. Swimming pools	50	50 for the pool area; 15 on the deck
30. Warehouses	30	500
31. All others	50	100

<sup>1</sup> Access to, and egress from, buildings for persons with disabilities shall be provided as specified in Chapter 31.  
<sup>2</sup> For additional provisions on number of exits from Groups H and I Occupancies and from rooms containing fuel-fired equipment or cellulose nitrate, see Sections 3319, 3320 and 3321, respectively.  
<sup>3</sup> This table shall not be used to determine working space requirements per person.  
<sup>4</sup> Occupant load based on five persons for each alley, including 15 feet of runway.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3800 CHAPTER 38. Fire-Extinguishing Systems.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3801 SCOPE. Section 3801. (a) General. All fire-extinguishing systems required in this code shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

Fire hose threads used in connection with fire-extinguishing systems shall be national standard hose thread or as approved by the fire department.

In buildings used for high-piled combustible storage, fire protection shall be in accordance with the Fire Code.

(b) Standard of Quality. All fire-extinguishing systems including automatic sprinkler systems, Class I, Class II and Class III standpipe systems, combined systems, special automatic extinguishing systems and basement pipe inlets shall be approved and shall be subject to such periodic tests as may be required. The location of all fire department hose connections shall be approved by the fire department.

The standards listed below labeled a "U.B.C. Standard" are also listed in Chapter 60, Part II, and are part of this code.

1. Fire-extinguishing system

A. U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1, Installation of Sprinkler Systems

B. U.B.C. Standard No. 38-3, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Group R Occupancies Four Stories or Less

2. Standpipe systems

A. U.B.C. Standard No. 38-2, Standpipe Systems

(c) Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, certain terms are defined as follows:

**AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEM** is an approved system of devices and equipment which automatically detects a fire and discharges an approved fire-extinguishing agent onto or in the area of a fire.

**COMBINED SYSTEM** is a system of water piping which serves 2 1/2-inch hose outlets for use by the fire department and also supplies water to fire sprinklers.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT INLET CONNECTION** is a connection through which the fire department can pump water into a standpipe system, or sprinkler system.

**STANDPIPE SYSTEM** is a wet or dry system of piping, valves, outlets and related equipment designed to provide water at specified pressures and installed exclusively for the fighting of fires, including the following:

Class I is a standpipe system equipped with 2 1/2-inch outlets.

Class II is a standpipe system directly connected to a water supply and equipped with 1 1/2-inch outlets and hose.

Class III is a standpipe system directly connected to a water supply and equipped with 2 1/2-inch outlets or 2 1/2-inch and 1 1/2-inch outlets when a 1 1/2-inch hose is required. Hose connections for Class III systems may be made through 2 1/2-inch hose valves with easily removable 2 1/2-inch by 1 1/2-inch reducers.

(d) Standards. Fire-extinguishing systems shall comply with U.B.C. Standards Nos. 38-1 and 38-2.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Automatic fire-extinguishing systems not covered by U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1 or 38-2 shall be approved and installed in accordance with approved standards.
2. Automatic sprinkler systems may be connected to the domestic water-supply main when approved by the building official, provided the domestic water supply is of adequate pressure, capacity and sizing for the combined

domestic and sprinkler requirements. In such case, the sprinkler system connection shall be made between the public water main or meter and the building shutoff valve, and there shall not be intervening valves or connections. The fire department connection may be omitted when approved by the fire department.

3. Automatic sprinkler systems in Group R Occupancies four stories or less may be in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 38-3. When residential sprinkler systems as set forth in U.B.C. Standard No. 38-3 are provided, exceptions to or reductions in code requirements based on the installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system are not allowed.

(e) Modifications. When a residential sprinkler system as set forth in U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1 is provided, exception to, or reductions in, code requirements allowed because of the installation of an automatic fire-extinguishing system are not permitted.

(f) When sprinklers are installed in an insulated ceiling cavity not meeting exceptions of UBC Standard No. 38-1 or where blocked by ducts or other similar obstructions, a space 6 inches or greater in depth with not less than 12 inches clearance from ducts or other similar obstructions shall be provided under all sprinklers.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3802 AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS. Section 3802. (a) Where Required. An automatic fire-extinguishing systems shall be installed in the occupancies and locations as set forth in this section.

For provisions on special hazards and hazardous materials, see the Fire Code.

(b) All Occupancies except Group R, Division 3 and Group M. Except for Group R, Division 3 and Group M Occupancies, an automatic sprinkler system shall be installed:

1. In every story or basement of all buildings when the floor area exceeds 1,500 square feet and there is not provided at least 20 square feet of opening entirely above the adjoining ground level in each 50 lineal feet or fraction thereof of exterior wall in the story or basement on at least one side of the building. Openings shall have a minimum dimension of not less than 30 inches. Such openings shall be accessible to the fire department from the exterior and shall not be obstructed in a manner that firefighting or rescue cannot be accomplished from the exterior.

When openings in a story are provided on only one side and the opposite wall of such story is more than 75 feet from such openings, the story shall be provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system, or openings as specified above shall be provided on at least two sides of an exterior wall of the story.

If any portion of a basement is located more than 75 feet from openings required in this section, the basement shall be provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system.

2. At the top of rubbish and linen chutes and in their terminal rooms. Chutes extending through three or more floors shall have additional sprinkler heads installed within such chutes at alternate floors. Sprinkler heads shall be accessible for servicing.

3. In rooms where nitrate film is stored or handled.

4. In protected combustible fiber storage vaults as defined in the Fire Code.

(c) Group A Occupancies. 1. Drinking establishments. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in rooms used by the occupants for the consumption of alcoholic beverages and unseparated accessory uses where the total area of such unseparated rooms and

assembly uses exceeds 5,000 square feet. For uses to be considered as separated, the separation shall not be less than as required for a one-hour occupancy separation. The area of other uses shall be included unless separated by at least a one-hour occupancy separation.

2. Basements. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in basements classified as a Group A Occupancy when the basement is larger than 1,500 square feet in floor area.

3. Exhibition and display rooms. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group A Occupancies which have more than 12,000 square feet of floor area which can be used for exhibition or display purposes.

4. Stairs. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in enclosed usable space below or over a stairway in Group A, Divisions 2, 2.1, 3 and 4 Occupancies. See Section 3309(f).

5. Every building containing a multitheater complex.

6. Amusement buildings. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all amusement buildings. The main water-flow switch shall be electrically supervised. The sprinkler main cutoff valve shall be supervised. When the amusement building is temporary, the sprinkler water-supply system may be of an approved temporary type.

EXCEPTION: An automatic sprinkler system need not be provided when the floor area of a temporary amusement building is less than 1,000 square feet and the exit travel distance from any point is less than 50 feet.

7. Other areas. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed under the roof and gridiron, in the tie and fly galleries, and in all places behind the proscenium wall of stages; over and within permanent platforms in excess of 500 square feet in area; and in dressing rooms, workshops and storerooms accessory to such stages or permanent platforms.

EXCEPTIONS: 1. Stages or platforms open to the auditorium room on three or more sides.  
 2. Altars, pulpits or similar platforms and their accessory rooms.  
 3. Stage gridirons when side-wall sprinklers with 135°F. rated heads with heat-baffle plates are installed around the entire perimeter of the stage except for the proscenium opening at points not more than 30 inches below the gridiron or more than 6 inches below the baffle plate.  
 4. Under stage or under platform areas less than 4 feet in clear height used exclusively for chair or table storage and lined on the inside with materials approved for one-hour fire-resistive construction.

(d) Group B, Division 2 Occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in retail sales rooms classed as Group B, Division 2 Occupancies where the floor area exceeds 12,000 square feet on any floor or 24,000 square feet on all floors or in Group B, Division 2 retail sales occupancies more than three stories in height. The area of mezzanines shall be included in determining the areas where sprinklers are required.

(e) Group E Occupancies. 1. Basements. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in basements classified as a Group E Occupancy when the basement is larger than 1,500 square feet in floor area.

2. Stairs. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in enclosed usable space below or over a stairway in Group E Occupancies. See Section 3309(f).

3. Division 1. An approved automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in all newly constructed buildings classified as E-1 Occupancies constructed after July 1, 1992.

NOTE: For the purpose of this section, structural additions exceeding 60% of the appraised value of such building or structure, or

alterations and repairs to any portion of a building or structure within a twelve-month period that exceeds 100% of the appraised value of such building or structure shall be considered new construction. In the case of structural additions, separation walls shall define separate buildings.

**EXCEPTION:** Portable school classrooms, provided:

- A. Aggregate area of clusters of portable school classrooms does not exceed 5,000 square feet; and
- B. Clusters of portable school classrooms separated as required in Chapter 5 of the Building Code.

When not required by other provisions of this chapter, a fire-extinguishing system installed in accordance with UBC Standard No. 38-1 may be used for area and height increases and substitution for one hour construction as allowed by the Building Code.

(f) Group H Occupancies. 1. General. An automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in Group H, Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 7 Occupancies.

2. Division 4. An automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed in Group H, Division 4 Occupancies having a floor area of more than 3,000 square feet.

3. Division 6. An automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be installed throughout buildings containing Group H, Division 6 Occupancies. The design of the sprinkler system shall not be less than that required under U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1 for the occupancy hazard classifications as follows:

#### LOCATION

#### OCCUPANCY HAZARD CLASSIFICATION

Fabrication areas	Ordinary Hazard Group 3
Service corridors	Ordinary Hazard Group 3
Storage rooms without dispensing	Ordinary Hazard Group 3
Storage rooms with dispensing	Extra Hazard Group 2
Exit corridors	Ordinary Hazard Group 3 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When the design area of the sprinkler system consists of a corridor protected by one row of sprinklers, the maximum number of sprinklers that needs to be calculated is 13.

(g) Group I Occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in Group I Occupancies.

**EXCEPTION:** In jails, prisons and reformatories, the piping system may be dry, provided a manually operated valve is installed at a continuously monitored location. Opening of the valve will cause the piping system to be charged. Sprinkler heads in such systems shall be equipped with fusible elements or the system shall be designed as required for deluge systems in U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1.

(h) Group R, Division 1 Occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout apartment houses three or more stories in height or containing 16 or more dwelling units, in congregate residences three or more stories in height and having an occupant load



of 50 or more and in hotels three or more stories in height or containing 20 or more guest rooms. Residential or quick-response standard sprinklers shall be used in the dwelling units and guest room portions of the building.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3900 CHAPTER 39. Stages and Platforms.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3901 SCOPE. Section 3901. (a) Standards of Quality. Platforms and stages shall conform with the requirements of this chapter.

The standards listed below labeled a "UBC Standard" are also listed in Chapter 60, Part II, and are part of this code.

1. UBC Standard No. 6-1, Proscenium Curtains
2. UBC Standard No. 38-1, Installation of Sprinkler Systems
3. UBC Standard No. 42-1, Test Method for Surface-burning Characteristics of Building Materials
4. UBC Standard No. 43-1, Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials.

(b) Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, certain terms are defined as follows:

BATTEN is a flown metal pipe or shape on which lights or scenery are fastened.

DROP is a large piece of scenic canvas or cloth which hangs vertically, usually across the stage area.

FLY is the space over the stage of a theater where scenery and equipment can be hung out of view. Also called lofts and rigging lofts.

FLY GALLERY is a narrow raised platform at the side of legitimate stage from which the lines for flying scenery are manipulated.

GRIDIRON is the arrangement of beams over a legitimate stage supporting the equipment for flying scenery and hanging battens from which curtains, scenery and lighting are hung.

LEG DROP is a long narrow strip of fabric used for masking. When used on either or both sides of the acting area, it is provided to designate an entry onto the stage by the actors. It is also used to mask the side stage area. They may also be called "wings."

PINRAIL is a beam at one side of a legitimate stage through which wooden or metal pins are driven and to which lines from the flies are fastened.

PLATFORM is that raised area within a building used for the presentation of music, plays or other entertainment; the head table for special guests; the raised area for lectures and speakers; boxing and wrestling rings; theater in the round; and similar purposes wherein there are not overhead hanging curtains, drops, scenery or stage effects other than lighting.

PLATFORM, PERMANENT, is a platform used within an area for more than 30 days.

PLATFORM, TEMPORARY, is a platform used within an area for not more than 30 days.

PROSCENIUM WALL is the wall that separates the stage from the auditorium or house.

STAGE is a partially enclosed area within a building used for the purpose of entertainment and shall be classified as either:

Stage, Legitimate, is a stage wherein curtains, drops, leg drops, scenery, lighting devices or other stage effects are retractable horizontally or vertically, or suspended overhead.

Stage, Regular, is a stage wherein curtains, fixed leg drops, valances, scenery and other stage effects are hung and are not retractable, with the exception of a valance, a light trough, the main (house) curtain, a bank of lights and a single backdrop, which may be retractable without the stage being considered a legitimate stage.

Stage, Thrust, is a platform extending beyond the proscenium arch and into the audience.

THEATER-IN-THE-ROUND is an acting area in the middle of a room with the audience sitting all around it.

(c) Materials and Design. Materials used in the construction of platforms and stages shall conform to the applicable materials and design requirements as set forth in this code.

#### NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-3903 STAGES. Section 3903. (a) Construction. Regular stages and thrust stages shall be constructed of materials as required for the type of construction of the building in which it is located. In all cases the finish floor may be of wood.

Legitimate stages shall be constructed of materials as required for a Type I or II F.R. building. Legitimate stage floors may be constructed with a wood floor of not less than 2 inches in nominal thickness on a resilient mounting upon a concrete or masonry floor.

Openings through stage floors (traps) shall be equipped with tight-fitting trap doors of wood having a nominal thickness of not less than 2 inches with approved safety locks.

(b) Accessory Rooms. Dressing rooms, workshops and store rooms accessory to stages shall be separated from each other and from the stage by not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction, and openings within such separations shall be protected as required for corridors.

EXCEPTION: A separation is not required for stages having a floor area not exceeding 500 square feet.

(c) Vents. Stages exceeding 1,000 square feet in floor area shall be provided with one or more vents constructed of noncombustible material. Vents shall be located near the center and above the highest part of any stage. They shall be raised above the stage roof and shall have a total vent area equal to at least 5 percent of the floor area of the stage.

The vents shall open by spring action or force of gravity sufficient to overcome the effects of neglect, rust, dirt, frost, snow or expansion by heat or warping of the framework. Glass, if used in vents, must be protected against falling onto the stage. A wire screen, if used under the glass, must be so placed that, if clogged, it cannot reduce the required venting area or interfere with the operating mechanism or obstruct the distribution of water from an automatic sprinkler. Vents shall be arranged to open automatically by the use of fusible links. The fusible links and operating cable shall hold each door closed against the minimum 30-pound counterforce which may be exerted by springs or counterweights. This minimum counterforce shall be exerted on each door through its entire arc of travel and for a minimum of 90 degrees. A manual control shall be provided at an approved location.

Springs, when employed to actuate vent doors, shall be capable of maintaining full required tension. Springs shall not be stressed more than 50 percent of their rated capacity and shall not be located directly in the airstream or exposed to the outside.

A fusible link shall be placed in the cable control system on the underside of the vent at or above the roof line or as approved by the building official and shall be so located as not to be affected by the operation of an automatic sprinkler system. Remote, manual or electrical controls shall provide for both opening and closing of the vent doors for periodic testing and shall be located at a point on the stage designated by the building official. When remote control vents are electrical, power failure shall not affect its instant operation in the event of fire. Hand winches may be employed to facilitate operation of manually controlled vents.

Curbs for vents shall be as required for skylights.

(d) Proscenium Walls. Legitimate stages shall be completely separated from the seating area by a proscenium wall of not less than two-hour fire-resistive noncombustible construction.

All openings in the proscenium wall of a legitimate stage shall be protected by a fire assembly having a 1 1/2-hour fire-protection rating. The main proscenium opening used for viewing performances shall be provided with an automatic-closing fire-protection curtain as provided in U.B.C. Standard No. 6-1. Such curtain materials shall conform to the following conditions:

1. The curtain shall be tested in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 43-1 as modified in U.B.C. Standard No. 6-1. The time period for testing shall be not less than 30 minutes, and the unexposed surface of the test sample shall not show any evidence of through penetration of flame or smoke, or excessive smoking (only the vapors escaping as a result of baking the sample).

2. The curtain shall be listed by an approved agency and have a permanent marking giving the manufacturer's name, the approved agency's name or insignia, the rating achieved, and a statement that the curtain shall be installed in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 6-1.

3. Curtain fabrics shall have a smoke density no greater than 25 when tested in accordance with U.B.C. Standard No. 42-1. The curtain fabric shall be tested in the condition in which it is to be used.

4. A water curtain or deluge system complying with U.B.C. Standard No. 38-1 may be used only in conjunction with an automatically closing opaque noncombustible curtain in lieu of the proscenium fire-safety curtain described in U.B.C. Standard No. 6-1. Both the deluge system and curtain closure shall be actuated by combination rate-of-temperature-rise and temperature devices located on the stage. The water system shall be designed to completely wet the entire curtain.

(e) Gridirons, Fly Galleries and Pinrails. Gridirons, fly galleries and pinrails shall be constructed of noncombustible material. Gridirons are not to be considered a floor, when measuring height above a floor for Section 1806, omitting of fireproofing.

(f) Special Exiting. Each side of a legitimate stage shall be provided with at least one well-marked exit providing not less than 32 inches clear width. Such exit shall open directly to a street, exit court or exit passageway leading to a street.

Fly galleries shall be provided with an exit stair not less than 30 inches in width. Each tier of dressing rooms shall be provided with two exits meeting the requirements of Chapter 33.

Stairways required by this subsection need not be enclosed.

## NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-5100 CHAPTER 51. Elevators, Dumbwaiters, Escalators and Moving Walks.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-5103 DELETE SECTION 5103, SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-5105 ELEVATOR MACHINE ROOM FLOORS. Section 5105. Elevator hoistways shall not be vented through an elevator machine room unless such venting is accomplished by an approved duct system installed through the elevator machine room. Cable slots entering the machine room must be installed in a manner that inhibits the passage of smoke into the machine room.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-5400 CHAPTER 54. Glass and Glazing.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-5401 SCOPE. Section 5401. (a) General. The provisions of this chapter apply to:

1. Exterior glass and glazing in all occupancies.

EXCEPTION: Occupancy Groups R and M not over three stories in height and located in areas with a minimum basic wind speed not more than 80 miles per hour.

2. Interior and exterior glass and glazing in all occupancies subject to human impact as specified in Section 5406.

(b) Standards. Standards for materials shall be as specified in this chapter and UBC Standard No. 54-1.

Standards for glazing subject to human impact (hazardous location) as specified in Section 5406 shall be as specified in UBC Standard No. 54-2.

(c) Other Provisions. See Part IV of this code for additional glass requirements where openings are required to be fire protected, and Section 5204 for openings glazed with plastics.

(d) Standards of Quality. The standards listed below labeled a "UBC Standard" are also listed in Chapter 60, Part II, and are part of this code.

1. UBC Standard No. 54-1, Glass Standard Specification
2. UBC Standard No. 54-2, Safety Glazing

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93100 APPENDIX CHAPTER 31.

DIVISION I  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
 FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING ACT  
 GUIDELINES FOR SITE TERRAIN EXEMPTIONS

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93115 SECTION 3115. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Fair Housing Act Guidelines for Site Terrain Exemptions.

(b) Scope 1. General. The provisions of this division may apply to all buildings and dwelling units that are regulated by the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.

2. Applicability of Other Provisions. Except as specifically allowed by this division for determining site terrain exemptions, Group R, Division 1 apartment houses shall meet all applicable provisions of this code.

(c) Definitions. For the purpose of this division, certain terms are defined as follows:

COVERED MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS means buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units if such buildings have one or more elevators; and ground floor dwelling units in other buildings consisting of four or more dwelling units. Dwelling units within a single structure separated by firewalls do not constitute separate buildings.

FINISHED GRADE means the ground surface of the site after all construction, levelling, grading and development has been completed.

UNDISTURBED SITE means the site before any construction, levelling, grading or development associated with the current project.

(d) Site Impracticality. 1. General. Covered multifamily dwellings with elevators shall be designed and constructed to provide at least one accessible entrance on an accessible route, regardless of terrain or unusual characteristics of the site. Covered multifamily dwellings without elevators shall be designed and constructed to provide at least one accessible entrance on an accessible route unless terrain or unusual characteristics of the site are such that the following conditions are found to exist:

A. Site Impracticality Due to Terrain. There are two alternative tests for determining a site impracticality due to terrain: The individual building test provided in paragraph (i), or the site analysis test provided in paragraph (ii). These tests may be used as follows.

A site with a single building having a common entrance for all units may be analyzed only as described in paragraph (i).

All other sites, including a site with a single building having multiple entrances serving either individual dwellings units or clusters of dwelling units, may be analyzed using the methodology in either paragraph (i) or paragraph (ii). For these sites for which either test is applicable, regardless of which test is selected, at least 20% of the total ground floor units in nonelevator buildings, on any site, must comply with the guidelines.

(i) Individual Building Test. It is impractical to provide an accessible entrance served by an accessible route when the terrain of the site is such that:

(A) The slopes of the undisturbed site measured between the planned entrance and all vehicular or pedestrian arrival points within 50 feet of the planned entrance exceed 10 percent.

(B) The slopes of the planned finished grade measured between the entrance and all vehicular or pedestrian arrival points within 50 feet of the planned entrance also exceed 10 percent.

If there are no vehicular or pedestrian arrival points within 50 feet of the planned entrance, the slope for the purpose of this paragraph (i) will be measured to the closest vehicular or pedestrian arrival point.

For purposes of these guidelines, vehicular or pedestrian arrival points includes public or resident parking areas; public transportation stops; passenger loading zones; and public streets or sidewalks. To determine site impracticality, the slope would be measured at ground level from the point of the planned entrance, or (ii) if there are no vehicular or pedestrian arrival points closed to the planned entrance. In the case of sidewalks, the closest point to the entrance will be where a public sidewalk entering the site intersects with the sidewalk to the entrance. In the case of resident parking areas, the closest point to the planned entrance will be measured from the entry point to the parking area that is located closest to the planned entrance.

(ii) Site Analysis Test. Alternatively, for a site having multiple buildings, or a site with a single building with multiple entrances, impracticality of providing an accessible entrance served by an accessible route can be established by the following steps:

(A) The percentage of the total buildable area of the undisturbed site with a natural grade less than 10% slope shall be calculated. The analysis of the existing slope (before grading) shall be done on a topographic survey with two foot (2') contour intervals with slope determination made between each successive interval. The accuracy of the slope analysis shall be certified by a professional licensed engineer, landscape architect, architect or surveyor.

(B) To determine the practicality of providing accessibility to planned multifamily dwellings based on the topography of the existing natural terrain, the minimum percentage of ground floor units to be made accessible should equal the percentage of the total buildable area (not including floodplain, wetlands, or other restricted use areas) of the undisturbed site that has an existing natural grade of less than 10% slope.

(C) In addition to the percentage established in paragraph (B), all ground floor units in a building, or ground floor units served by a particular entrance, shall be made accessible if the entrance to the units is on an accessible route, defined as a walkway with a slope between the planned entrance and a pedestrian or vehicular arrival point that is no greater than 8.33%.

B. Site Impracticality Due to Unusual Characteristics. Unusual characteristics include sites located in a federally designated floodplain or coastal high-hazard area and sites subject to other similar requirements of law or code that the lowest structural member of the lowest floor must be raised to a specified level at or above the base flood elevation. An accessible route to a building entrance is impractical due to unusual characteristics of the site when:

(i) the unusual site characteristics result in a difference in finished grade elevation exceeding 30 inches and 10 percent measured between an entrance and all vehicular or pedestrian arrival points within 50 feet of the planned entrance; or

(ii) if there are no vehicular or pedestrian arrival points within 50 feet of the planned entrance, the unusual characteristics result in a difference in finished grade elevation exceeding 30 inches and 10 percent measured between an entrance and the closest vehicular or pedestrian arrival point.

2. Exceptions to Site Impracticality. Regardless of site considerations described in Section 3115 (a) 1., an accessible entrance on an accessible route is practical when:

A. There is an elevator connecting the parking area with the dwelling units on a ground floor. (In this case, those dwelling units

on the ground floor served by an elevator, and at least one of each type of public- and common-use areas, would be subject to these guidelines.) However:

(i) Where a building elevator is provided only as a means of creating an accessible route to dwelling units on a ground floor, the building is not considered an elevator building for purposes of these guidelines; hence, only the ground floor dwelling units would be covered.

(ii) If the building elevator is provided as a means of access to dwelling units other than dwelling units on a ground floor, then the building is an elevator building which is a covered multifamily dwelling, and the elevator in that building must provide accessibility to all dwelling units in the building, regardless of the slope of the natural terrain; or

B. An elevated walkway is planned between a building entrance and a vehicular or pedestrian arrival point and the planned walkway has a slope no greater than 10 percent.

DIVISION II  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
GUIDELINES FOR READILY ACHIEVABLE BARRIER REMOVAL

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93116 SECTION 3116. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide the United States Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines for readily achievable barrier removal in existing buildings.

(b) Scope 1. General. The provisions of this division may be used as a guideline for the removal of readily achievable barriers to accessibility in existing buildings, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

2. Applicability of Other Provisions. Except as specifically allowed by this division, all buildings and portions thereof shall meet all applicable provisions of this code.

(c) Definitions. For the purpose of this division, certain terms are defined as follows:

COMMERCE is travel, trade, traffic, commerce, transportation or communication--

1. Among the several States;
2. Between any foreign country or any territory or possession and any State; or
3. Between points in the same State but through another State or foreign country.

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES are facilities--

1. Whose operations will affect commerce;
  2. That are intended for nonresidential use by a private entity;
- and
3. That are not--

A. Facilities that are covered or expressly exempted from coverage under the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3601-3631);

B. Aircraft; or

C. Railroad locomotives, railroad freight cars, railroad cabooses, commuter or intercity passenger rail cars (including coaches, dining cars, sleeping cars, lounge cars, and food service cars), any other railroad cars described in section 242 of the American's with Disability Act or covered under title II of the

American's with Disabilities Act, or railroad rights-of-way. For purposes of this definition, "rail" and "railroad" have the meaning given the term "railroad" in section 202(e) of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (46 U.S.C. 431(e)).

PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION is a facility, operated by a private entity, whose operations affect commerce and fall within at least one of the following categories--

1. An inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging, except for an establishment located within a building that contains not more than five rooms for rent or hire and that is actually occupied by the proprietor of the establishment as the residence of the proprietor;
2. A restaurant, bar, or other establishment serving food or drink;
3. A motion picture house, theater, concert hall, stadium, or other place of exhibition or entertainment;
4. An auditorium, convention center, lecture hall, or other place of public gathering;
5. A bakery, grocery store, clothing store, hardware store, shopping center, or other sales or rental establishment;
6. A laundromat, dry-cleaner, bank, barber shop, beauty shop, travel service, shoe repair service, funeral parlor, gas station, office of an accountant or lawyer, pharmacy, insurance office, professional office of a health care provider, hospital, or other service establishment;
7. A terminal, depot, or other station used for specified public transportation;
8. A museum, library, gallery, or other place of public display or collection;
9. A park, zoo, amusement park, or other place of recreation;
10. A nursery, elementary, secondary, undergraduate, or post-graduate private school, or other place of education;
11. A day care center, senior citizen center, homeless shelter, food bank, adoption agency, or other social service center establishment; and
12. A gymnasium, health spa, bowling alley, golf course, or other place of exercise or recreation.

PRIVATE ENTITY is a person or entity other than a public entity.

Public accommodation is a private entity that owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.

PUBLIC ENTITY is--

1. Any State or local government;
2. Any department, agency, special purpose district, or other instrumentality of a State or States or local government; and
3. The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, and any commuter authority (as defined in section 103(8) of the Rail Passenger Service Act).

READILY ACHIEVABLE is easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. In determining whether an action is readily achievable, factors to be considered include--

1. The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;
2. The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources, or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;
3. The overall financial resources of any parent corporation or entity; the overall size of the parent corporation or entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities;
4. The type of operation or operations of the parent corporation or entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent corporation or entity; and
5. The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to the parent corporation or entity.

(d) Removal of Barriers. 1. General. A public accommodation shall remove architectural barriers in existing facilities, including communication barriers that are structural in nature, where such



removal is readily achievable, i.e., easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense.

(e) Examples. Examples of steps to remove barriers include, but are not limited to, the following actions:

1. Installing ramps;
2. Making curb cuts in sidewalks and entrances;
3. Lowering shelves;
4. Rearranging tables, chairs, vending machines, display racks, and other furniture;
5. Lowering telephones;
6. Adding raised letter markings on elevator control buttons;
7. Installing flashing alarm lights;
8. Widening doors;
9. Installing offset hinges to widen doorways;
10. Eliminating a turnstile or providing an alternative accessible path;
11. Installing accessible door hardware;
12. Installing grab bars in toilet stalls;
13. Rearranging toilet partitions to increase maneuvering space;
14. Insulating lavatory pipes;
15. Installing a raised toilet seat;
16. Installing a full-length bathroom mirror;
17. Lowering the paper towel dispenser in a bathroom;
18. Creating a designated accessible parking space;
19. Installing an accessible paper cup dispenser at an existing inaccessible water fountain;
20. Removing high pile, low density carpeting; or
21. Modifying vehicle hand controls.

(f) Priorities. A public accommodation shall take measures to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section in accordance with the following order of priorities:

1. First, a public accommodation shall take measures to provide access to a place of public accommodation from public sidewalks, parking, or public transportation. These measures include, for example, installing an entrance ramp, widening entrances, and providing accessible parking spaces.

2. Second, a public accommodation shall take measures to provide access to restroom facilities in places of public accommodation where restroom facilities are used by the public on more than an incidental basis. These measures include, for example, removal of obstructing furniture or vending machines, widening of doors, installations of ramps, providing accessible signage, widening of toilet stalls, and installations of grab bars.

3. Third, a public accommodation shall take measures to provide access to those areas of a place of public accommodation where goods and services are made available to the public. These measures include, for example, adjusting the layout of display racks, rearranging tables, widening doors, and installing ramps.

4. Fourth, a public accommodation shall take any other measures necessary to provide access to the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of a place of public accommodations.

(g) Relationship to Alterations Requirements of Section 3109 of this Code. Measures taken solely to comply with the barrier removal requirements of this section are not required to conform to the requirements for alterations in Section 3109 of this code. These measures include, for example, installing a ramp with a steeper slope or widening a doorway to a narrower width than that required by Section 3109 of this code. No measure shall be taken, however, that poses a significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others.

(h) Portable Ramps. Portable ramps should be used to comply with this division only when installation of a permanent ramp is not readily achievable. In order to avoid any significant risk to the health or safety of individuals with disabilities or others in using portable ramps, due consideration shall be given to safety features such as nonslip surfaces, railings, anchoring, and strength of materials.

(i) Interpretation of Readily Achievable. 1. Barrier removal is not readily achievable if it would result in significant loss of profit or significant loss of efficiency of operation.

(2) The rearrangement of temporary or movable structures, such as furniture, equipment, and display racks is not readily achievable to the extent that it results in a significant loss of selling or serving space.

(j) Alternatives to Barrier Removal. 1. General. Where a public accommodation can demonstrate that barrier removal is not readily achievable, a public accommodation shall not fail to make its goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available through alternative methods, if those methods are readily achievable.

2. Examples. Examples of alternatives to barrier removal include, but are not limited to, the following actions:

- A. Providing curb-service or home-delivery;
- B. Retrieving merchandise from inaccessible shelves or racks;
- C. Relocating activities to accessible locations;
- D. Providing refueling service at inaccessible self-service gas stations.

(k) Personal Devices and Services. This section does not require a public accommodation to provide its customers, clients, or participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs, or services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting, or dressing.

(l) Multiscreen Cinemas. If it is not readily achievable to remove barriers to provide access by persons with mobility impairments to all of the theaters of a multiscreen cinema, the cinema shall establish a film rotation schedule that provides reasonable access for individuals who use wheelchairs to all films. Reasonable notice shall be provided to the public as to the location and time of accessible showings.

(m) Readily Achievable and Undue Burden: Factors to be Considered. In determining whether an action is readily achievable or would result in an undue burden, factors to be considered include:

- 1. The nature and cost of the action needed under this part;
- 2. The overall financial resources of the site or sites involved in the action; the number of persons employed at the site; the effect on expenses and resources, or the impact otherwise of the action upon the operation of the site;
- 3. The overall financial resources of any parent corporation or entity; the overall size of the parent corporation or entity with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities;
- 4. The type of operation or operations of the parent corporation or entity, including the composition, structure, and functions of the workforce of the parent corporation or entity; and
- 5. The geographic separateness, and the administrative or fiscal relationship of the site or sites in question to the parent corporation or entity.

(n) Accessible or Special Goods. 1. This part does not require a public accommodation to alter its inventory to include accessible or special goods that are designed for, or facilitate use by, individuals with disabilities.

2. A public accommodation shall order accessible or special goods at the request of an individual with disabilities, if, in the normal course of its operation, it makes special orders on request for institute goods, and if the accessible or special goods can be obtained from a supplier with whom the public accommodation customarily does business.

3. Examples of accessible or special goods include items such as Brailled versions of books, books on audio cassettes, closed-captioned video tapes, special sizes or lines of clothing, and special foods to meet particular dietary needs.

(o) Seating in Assembly Areas. 1. To the extent that it is readily achievable, a public accommodation shall:

- A. Provide a reasonable number of wheelchair seating spaces in assembly areas; and,
- B. Locate the wheelchair seating spaces so that they:
- (i) Are dispersed throughout the seating area;
  - (ii) Provide lines of sight comparable to those in all viewing areas;
  - (iii) Adjoin an accessible route of travel that also serves as a means of egress in case of emergency; and,
  - (iv) Permit individuals who use wheelchairs to sit with family members or other companions.

EXCEPTION: If removal of seats is not readily achievable, a public accommodation shall provide a portable chair or other means to permit a family member or other companion to sit with an individual who uses a wheelchair.

DIVISION III  
U.S. ARCHITECTURAL AND BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
ALTERNATE GUIDELINES FOR DETECTABLE WARNINGS

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93117 SECTION 3117. (a) General. The purpose of this division is to provide additional design guidelines for construction and installation of truncated domes as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

(b) Raised Truncated Domes. Raised truncated domes shall have a diameter of 0.9 inches nominal, a height of 0.2 inches nominal and a center-to-center spacing of 2.35 inches nominal. Raised truncated domes shall comply with Appendix Chapter 31, Division VII for visual contrast.

DIVISION IV  
U.S. ARCHITECTURAL AND BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
ALTERNATE GUIDELINES FOR AUDIBLE ALARMS

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93118 SECTION 3118. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide the United States Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines for audible alarms.

(b) Audible Alarms. Audible alarms shall exceed the prevailing equivalent sound level in the room or space by at least 15 decibels, or shall exceed any maximum sound level with a duration of 30 seconds by 5 decibels, whichever is louder. Sound levels for alarm signals shall not exceed 120 decibels.

DIVISION V  
 U.S. ARCHITECTURAL AND BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD  
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
 ALTERNATE GUIDELINES FOR VISIBLE ALARM

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93119 SECTION 3119. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide the United States Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines for visible alarms.

(b) Visible Alarms. Visible alarm signals shall have the following minimum photometric and location features:

1. The lamp shall be a xenon strobe type.
2. The color shall be clear (i.e., unfiltered or clear filtered white light).
3. The intensity shall be a minimum of 75 candela seconds and a maximum of 120 candela seconds.
4. The flash rate shall be a minimum of 1 Hz and a maximum of 3 Hz.
5. The appliance shall be placed a minimum of 80 inches above the highest floor level within the space.
6. No place in any room shall be more than 50 feet from the signal (in the horizontal plane).
7. No place in corridors or hallways shall be more than 50 feet from the signal.

DIVISION VI  
 U.S. ARCHITECTURAL AND BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD  
 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
 ALTERNATE GUIDELINES FOR VISUAL CONTRAST

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-20-93120 SECTION 3120. (a) Purpose. The purpose of this division is to provide the United States Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines for visual contrast.

(b) Guidelines for Visual Contrast. 1. Raised Truncated Domes. Raised truncated domes used as detectable warnings shall contrast visually by 70 percent with adjoining surfaces. Contrast in percent shall be determined as follows:

$$\text{Contrast} = [(B^1 - B^2)/B^1] \times 100$$

where:  $B^1$  = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area;  
 and,  
 $B^2$  = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

The material used to provide contrast shall be an integral part of the walking surface.

2. Signage. The characters and background of signs shall be eggshell (11 to 19 degree gloss on 60 degree glossimeter). Characters shall be light on a dark background (or dark on a light background) and contrast with their background by at least 70 percent. Contrast in percent shall be determined as follows:

Contrast =  $[(B^1 - B^2)/B^1] \times 100$

where:  $B^1$  = light reflectance value (LRV) of the lighter area;  
and,  
 $B^2$  = light reflectance value (LRV) of the darker area.

UNIFORM BUILDING CODE STANDARD NO. 31-1

Building and Facility Access Specifications. U.B.C. No. 31-1 is deleted in its entirety.

## Chapter 51-21 WAC

STATE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE  
UNIFORM BUILDING CODE STANDARDSNEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-001 AUTHORITY. These rules are adopted under the authority of chapter 19.27 RCW.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-002 PURPOSE. The purpose of these rules is to implement the provisions of chapter 19.27 RCW, which provides that the state building code council shall maintain the State Building Code in a status which is consistent with the purpose as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining the codes the council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes adopted under the act, and other pertinent information, and shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the council.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-003 UNIFORM BUILDING CODE STANDARDS. The 1991 edition of the Uniform Building Code Standards as published by the International Conference of Building Officials is hereby adopted by reference with the following additions, deletions, and exceptions.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-007 EXCEPTIONS. The exceptions and amendments to the Uniform Building Code Standards contained in the provisions of chapter 19.27 RCW shall apply in case of conflict with any of the provisions of these rules.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-008 IMPLEMENTATION. The Uniform Building Code Standards adopted by chapter 51-21 WAC shall become effective in all counties and cities of this state on July 1, 1992, unless local amendments have been approved by the state building code council.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-31010 UBC STANDARDS NO. 31-1. Building and Facility Access Specifications. UBC Standard No. 31-1 is deleted in its entirety.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-38030 UBC STANDARDS NO. 38-3. Installation of sprinkler systems in Group R Occupancies four stories or less. The following amendments are adopted to Chapter 38-3 of the UBC Standards.

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-38038 TABLE 1-5.1. Table 1-5.1 is amended to read as follows:

Table 1-5.1

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Spec. for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Fire Protection Use	ASTM A795
Specification for Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe	ASTM A53
Wrought-Steel Pipe	ANSI B36.10M
Specification for Electric-Resistance Welded Steel Pipe	ASTM A135
Copper Tube (Drawn, Seamless) Specification for Seamless Copper Tube	ASTM B88
Specification for General Requirements for Wrought Seamless Copper and Copper-Alloy Tube	ASTM B251
Brazing Filler Metal (Classification BCuP-3 or BCuP-4)	AWS A5.8
Specification for Solder Metal, 95-5 (Tin-Antimony-Grade 95TA)	ASTM B32
Specifications for CPVC Pipe	ASTM F437 ASTM F438 ASTM F439 ASTM F442
Specification for Polybutylene Tube	ASTM D 3309

NEW SECTION

WAC 51-21-38039 TABLE 1-5.5. Table 1-5.5 is amended to read as follows:

Table 1-5.5

Materials and Dimensions	Standard
Cast Iron Cast Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 125 and 250	ANSI B16.4
Cast Iron Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings	ANSI B16.1
Malleable Iron Malleable Iron Threaded Fittings, Class 150 and 300	ANSI B16.3
Steel Factory-made Threaded Fittings Class 150 and 300	ANSI B16.9
Buttwelding ends for Pipe, Valves, Flanges, and Fittings	ANSI B16.25
Spec. for Piping Fittings of Wrought Carbon Steel and Alloy Steel for Moderate and Elevated Temperatures	ASTM A234
Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings, Steel Nickel Alloy and Other Special Alloys	ANSI B16.5
Forged Steel Fittings, Socket Welded and Threaded	ANSI B16.11
Copper Wrought Copper and Copper Alloy Solder-Joint Pressure Fittings	ANSI B16.22
Cast Copper Alloy Solder-Joint Pressure fittings	ANSI B16.18
Plastic Fittings for CPVC Pipe	ASTM F437 ASTM F438 ASTM F439 ASTM F442
Plastic Fittings for Polybutylene Tube	ASTM D 3309