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Section 1016

Question:

Is it the intent of Table 1016.1 to say that in a Business occupancy, on a multi tenant floor in a fully sprinklered building, that the multi tenant exit access corridor walls can have a fire resistance rating of 0 hours?

Answer

It would depend on whether the corridor walls form part of the tenant separation. There are two requirements here: 1. Rated corridor due to serving as exit access and serving the specified occupant load. 2. Tenant separation. If there are separate tenants across the corridor, at least one side of the corridor walls would require rating to complete the tenant separation.

Commentary:

The corridor does NOT need to be a rated corridor per Table 1016.1, however, if there are separate tenants across the corridor, at least one of the corridor walls would be required to be constructed as a tenant separation wall and it must be rated accordingly.

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