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Section 437

Question:

Is it the intent of 437.2.8.3 to require a Critical Branch distribution system?

Answer

No section 437.2.8.3 FBC building does not require a Critical Branch distribution system. It sets requirements for switching if one is provided. However, other codes may require a Critical Branch distribution system.

Commentary:

Typically all three would be required in a hospice care facility. Also the AHCA rules will require a complete essential system. See the definitions of the systems. All three subsystems serve a different purpose.

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