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Section 1008.1.10

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1008.1.10 to require panic hardware or fire exit hardware for a space with an occupant load of 50 or more in a Group A or E occupancy?

Answer

Yes

Commentary:

This is a conflict within the code and the more stringent would apply per Section 102.1. The base ICC code requires

panic hardware at an occupant load of 50 and does not contain a Section 1031.

The FFPC requires panic hardware for Group E with an occupant load of 100. This will not change in the next edition of the FFPC or the base ICC code.

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