



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section Table 508.4

Question:

Is it the intent of Table 508.4 to require a (1HR
(S), 2HR (NS)) separation between B and S-2
occupancy and no separation requirement between B
and S-1 occupancy?

Answer

Based on the information reviewed, it appears you are correct that a typo exists. The best approach for this particular issue would be either a formal interpretation which has standing or a DEC statement from the Florida Building Commission. Please see the commentary below.

Commentary:

Table 508.4 does appear to have a typo. The 2001 Florida Building Code, Table 704.1 required a 3 hour separation for S1 and a 2 hour separation for S2. In the 2004 Code Table 706.3.7 also requires 3 hours for S1 and 2 hours for S2. The typo appears to have been introduced with Table 508.4 in the 2007 Code. Table 508.4 appears to have been wrong since its inception. Submitting a request for a formal interpretation would permit application of correction to this issue until a code change can be made, if it is not already in the works.

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