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Section 903.2.7

Question:

Is it intended to include mattresses as upholstered furniture?

Answer

No. The common definition of "upholstered" and the IBC commentary only extends to furniture such as chairs and sofas. No mention of the term "mattress" is used in common upholstered furniture definitions or within the IBC commentary. The term is, however, included in the 2012 IBC section 903.2.7, along with an area limitation of 5,000 square feet. So, there was a conscious decision to include the term for the 2012 code cycle in this code section. That would imply mattresses were not included in the scope of the 2009 base IBC language.

Commentary:

Note: In addition, the term "furniture" does not include "mattresses" within the National Fire Incident Reporting System. Mattresses are tracked separately from furniture as an object of fire origin as the hazard is different. It appears the code has adopted this same approach and considers furniture and mattresses to

be two different hazards.

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