

**7511.0315 SECTION 315, GENERAL STORAGE.**

Subpart 1. **IFC section 315.3.1.** IFC section 315.3.1 is amended to read:

**315.3.1 Ceiling clearance.** Storage shall be maintained 2 feet (610 mm) or more below the ceiling in nonsprinklered areas of buildings or a minimum of 18 inches (457 mm) below sprinkler head deflectors in sprinklered areas of buildings. Where more restrictive clearances between sprinkler head deflectors and storage are required by the sprinkler listing or NFPA 13, the more restrictive clearances shall apply.

**Exceptions:**

1. The 2-foot (610 mm) ceiling clearance is not required for storage along walls in nonsprinklered areas of buildings.
2. The 18-inch (457 mm) ceiling clearance is not required for storage along walls in areas of buildings equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, 903.3.1.2, or 903.3.1.3.

Subp. 2. **IFC section 315.3.3.** IFC section 315.3.3 is amended, and sections added, to read:

**315.3.3 Equipment rooms.** Combustible storage in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, electrical equipment rooms and elevator equipment rooms shall be in accordance with Sections 315.3.3.1 through 315.3.3.4. Storage not in conformance with these sections shall be removed or the condition abated. For purposes of Sections 315.3.3.1 through 315.3.3.4, storage does not include materials necessary for the construction, maintenance, or operation of the equipment.

**315.3.3.1 Mechanical equipment, boiler, and furnace rooms.** Storage in mechanical equipment rooms, boiler rooms, and furnace rooms shall be neat and orderly and arranged to provide immediate access to equipment. Clearances between equipment and storage shall be at least 36 inches, or as required by the manufacturer, whichever is greater. When in the opinion of the code official, the type, amount, arrangement, or location of storage creates a hazard, the code official is authorized to order its removal.

**315.3.3.2 Electrical vaults and equipment rooms.** Electrical vaults and rooms or areas solely dedicated to main electrical distribution equipment shall not contain storage.

**315.3.3.3 Elevator equipment rooms.** No combustible storage or any other type of storage shall be allowed in elevator equipment rooms or elevator machine rooms.

**315.3.3.4 Shafts.** No combustible storage shall be allowed in mechanical rooms such as penthouses with shafts open to multiple floors.

Subp. 3. **IFC section 315.7.5.** IFC section 315.7.5 is deleted.

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