

7511.0807 SECTION 807, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND ARTIFICIAL DECORATIVE VEGETATION IN NEW AND EXISTING BUILDINGS.

Subpart 1. **IFC section 807.2.** IFC section 807.2 is amended and a subsection is added to read as follows:

807.2 Combustible decorative materials. In dormitories in Group R-2 and in Groups A, B, E, I, M, and R-1, curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall comply with Section 807.3 and shall not exceed 20 percent of the specific wall or ceiling area to which such materials are attached.

Exceptions:

1. In auditoriums in Group A, the permissible amount of curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall not exceed 75 percent of the aggregate wall area where the building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 and where the material is installed in accordance with IBC Section 803.15.
2. In existing Group A occupancies, the permissible amount of curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall not be limited where such materials comply with Section 807.3.
3. In Group R-2 dormitories, within sleeping units and dwelling units, the permissible amount of curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall not exceed 50 percent of the aggregate wall areas where the building is equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.
4. In Group A, B, E, and M occupancies, the amount of combustible fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling and not supported by the floor shall comply with Section 807.3 and shall not be limited.
5. The 20 percent limit shall not apply to curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative materials used as window coverings.

807.2.1 Fixed or movable walls and partitions, paneling, and wall pads and crash pads.

Fixed or movable walls and partitions, paneling, wall pads and crash pads applied structurally or for decoration, acoustical correction, surface insulation, or other purposes covering more than 10 percent of the wall or ceiling area shall be considered interior finish, shall comply with Section 803, and shall not be considered to be decorative materials or furnishings.

Exception: In existing buildings, fixed or movable walls and partitions, paneling, wall pads and crash pads applied structurally or for decoration, acoustical correction, surface insulation, or other purposes shall not be considered interior finish unless covering more than 20 percent of the wall or ceiling area, provided the room or area is protected with an approved automatic fire sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 44 SR 610]

Subp. 3. **IFC section 807.5.2.1.** IFC section 807.5.2.1 is amended by modifying exceptions 1 and 2 to read as follows:

1. Corridors protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, provided the minimum required egress width is maintained.
2. Buildings provided with an approved fire alarm system and equipped with corridor smoke detection, provided the minimum required egress width is maintained.

(Exception 3 still applies)

Subp. 3a. **IFC section 807.5.2.2.** IFC section 807.5.2.2 is amended by adding an exception to read:

Exception: Artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 50 percent of the wall area when the building is protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

Subp. 3b. **IFC section 807.5.2.3.** IFC section 807.5.2.3 is amended to read:

807.5.2.3 Artwork in classrooms. Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on walls of classrooms to not more than 50 percent of the total aggregate wall area of the room.

Subp. 3c. **IFC section 807.5.3.4.** IFC section 807.5.3.4 is amended to read as follows:

807.5.3.4 Other areas in Groups I-1 and I-2. In Groups I-1 and I-2 occupancies, in areas not equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system, combustible decorations shall be prohibited unless one or more of the following criteria are met:

1. the decorations are flame-retardant or are treated with approved fire-retardant coating that is listed and labeled for application to the material to which it is applied;
2. the decorations meet the requirements of NFPA 701, Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films;
3. the decorations exhibit a heat release rate not exceeding 100 kW when tested in accordance with NFPA 289, Standard Method of Fire Test for Individual Fuel Packages, using the 20 kW ignition source; or
4. decorations, such as photographs and paintings, are in such limited quantities that a hazard of fire development or spread is not present.

Subp. 4. **IFC Section 807.5.5.1.** IFC Section 807.5.5.1 is amended by modifying exceptions 1 and 2 to read as follows:

1. Corridors protected by an approved automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, provided the minimum required egress width is maintained.

2. Buildings provided with an approved fire alarm system and equipped with corridor smoke detection, provided the minimum required egress width is maintained.

(Exception 3 still applies)

Subp. 5. **IFC section 807.5.5.2.** IFC section 807.5.5.2 is amended by adding an exception to read as follows:

Exception: Artwork and teaching materials shall not exceed 50 percent of the wall area when the building is protected throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

Subp. 6. [Renumbered subp 3c]

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