

1305.0806 SECTION 806, DECORATIVE MATERIALS AND TRIM.

IBC section 806.2 is amended and a subsection is added to read as follows:

806.2 Combustible decorative materials. In Groups A, B, E, I, M, and R-1 and in dormitories in Group R-2, curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall comply with Section 806.4 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 Section 803.15.
2. In existing Group A occupancies, the permissible amount of curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and similar combustible decorative material suspended from walls or ceilings shall not be limited where such materials comply with Section 806.4.
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, E, B, and M occupancies, the amount of combustible fabric partitions suspended from the ceiling and not supported by the floor shall comply with Section 806.4 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.

806.2.1 Fixed or movable walls and partitions, paneling, 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 ten percent of the wall or ceiling area shall be considered to be 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.

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