

MINNESOTA RULES, CHAPTER 7511
MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CODE

7511.0010 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to adopt uniform fire safety standards consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding to a reasonable degree of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use or occupancy of buildings or premises.

7511.0020 SCOPE.

The scope of this chapter is intended to be consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.011.

7511.0090 RULES AND STANDARDS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

For purposes of this chapter, "IFC" means the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code as promulgated by the International Code Council, Inc., Falls Church, Virginia. The IFC is incorporated by reference and made a part of Minnesota Rules pursuant to statutory authority, subject to the alterations and amendments in this chapter. Portions of this chapter reproduce text and tables from the IFC. The IFC is not subject to frequent change and is available at the office of the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and at the State Law Library, 25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155. The IFC is copyright 2006 by the International Code Council, Inc. All rights reserved.

7511.0101 SECTION 101, GENERAL.

Subpart 1. **IFC Section 101.1.** IFC Section 101.1 is amended to read:

101.1 Title. This code shall be known as the Minnesota State Fire Code, may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "Fire Code" or "this code."

Subp. 2. **IFC Section 101.** IFC Section 101 is amended by adding sections to read:

101.6 Local government amendments to Chapter 1. Any jurisdiction that adopts this code is authorized to make amendments to Chapter 1 of this code to provide a system for enforcement and administration within the jurisdiction. These amendments shall be equal to, in addition to, or more stringent than this code. None of the existing provisions of Chapter 1 shall be changed nor shall any amendment be made that interferes with the intent of the existing provisions nor the state fire marshal's duties and powers thereunder.

101.6.1 Local government rules. Any jurisdiction that adopts this code is authorized to adopt rules for the prevention and control of fires and fire hazards as may be necessary from time to time, to carry out the intent of this code, and that may be more restrictive than this code when the rules are necessary to protect life or property in the community. The governing body may adopt this code by ordinance. One certified copy of the ordinance containing the rules shall be filed with the clerk of the jurisdiction and shall be in effect immediately thereafter, and additional copies shall be kept in the office of the fire department for distribution to the public.

than 36 inches (914 mm) above the floor may be allowed to continue.

6. Escape windows are not required in Group R hotels or motels constructed prior to April 11, 1983.

7511.1027 SECTION 1027, MEANS OF EGRESS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS.

IFC Section 1027 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION 1027 MEANS OF EGRESS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

1027.1 General. Means of egress in existing buildings shall comply with Sections 1027.1 through 1027.23.4.

1027.1.1 Compliance option. Means of egress in existing buildings conforming to IFPA 101 (Life Safety Code) shall be deemed as evidence of compliance with this section.

1027.1.2 Previous codes. Means of egress in existing buildings conforming to the requirements of the Fire Code or Building Code under which they were constructed shall be considered as complying means of egress if, in the opinion of the fire code official, they do not constitute a distinct hazard to life.

1027.1.3 Occupant loads. The number of occupants shall be determined in accordance with Section 1004.

1027.1.4 Egress width. The minimum required egress width shall be determined in accordance with Section 1005.1.

1027.1.5 Ceiling height. The ceiling height in corridors and stairs shall be not less than 78 inches (1981 mm).

1027.2 Elevators, escalators and moving walks. Elevators, escalators and moving

walks can only be used as a component of a required means of egress where previously approved.

1027.3 Exit signs - general. Exit signs shall comply with Sections 1027.3.1 through 1027.3.5.

1027.3.1 Where required. Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel.

1027.3.2 Number of exits. Exit signs shall be provided where two or more exits are required from a room, area or story.

1027.3.3 Main exits. Exit signs need not be provided for main exterior exit doors that are obviously and clearly identifiable as exits.

1027.3.4 Certain occupancies exempt. Exit signs are not required in housing areas of Group I-3 occupancies; in sleeping rooms or dwelling units in Group R-1, R-2 or R-3 occupancies; and in Group U occupancies.

1027.3.5 Exit sign illumination. Exit signs shall be internally illuminated, externally illuminated or self-luminous. The face of an exit sign illuminated from an external source shall have an intensity of not less than 5 foot-candles (54 lux). Internally illuminated signs shall provide equivalent luminance and be listed for the purpose. Approved self-luminous signs that provide evenly illuminated letters shall have a minimum luminance of 0.06 foot-lamberts (0.21 cd/m²).

1027.4 Power source. Where emergency illumination is required in Section 1027.5, exit signs shall be visible under emergency illumination conditions. Approved signs that provide continuous illumination independent of external power sources are not required to be connected to an emergency electrical system.