

FILE NO. 9-8705.4

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CODE APPLICATION NOTICE

CODE SECTION: Section 8705.4, ~~1998~~ 2001 California Fire Code**8705.4. Fire-resistive Assemblies and Construction.** Fire-resistive assemblies and construction shall be maintained in accordance with Section 1111. (Maintenance of Fire-resistive Construction)**INTERPRETATION:**

In occupied buildings, where temporary construction barriers are required to be installed during the construction or reconstruction of fire-resistive assemblies, temporary construction shall meet the same fire rating as would the permanent partition. Use of plastic or vinyl dust barriers in lieu of fire rated separations ~~are~~ is prohibited. Temporary construction barriers are not required where adequate fire-resistive separation can be demonstrated to exist between occupied areas and construction areas.

Where construction barriers affect any exit component, pre-approval shall be obtained from the local fire jurisdiction and the OSHPD Fire Marshal prior to any demolition or reconstruction.

REASON:

While recognizing the need for construction barriers, the first objective is to ensure the safety of the patients. Dust membranes do not afford any level of fire protection or fire-rated separation to areas remaining occupied during construction. Exit corridors, exit stairs, area separation walls, smoke barriers, etc. are all primary building features designed and installed to produce a "defend in place" and an "area of refuge" as required by the California Building Code for "I" Occupancies. Thus, it is essential that separation be maintained between construction areas and occupied portions of the building.

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