

## FIRE SEPARATION OF SUITES

### EXCERPT FROM NATIONAL BUILDING CODE

#### 3.3.1. ALL FLOOR AREAS

##### 3.3.1.1. Separation of Suites

- 1) Except as permitted by Sentences (2) to Sentence (4), a *suite* shall be separated from adjoining *suites* by a *fire separation* having a *fire-resistance rating* not less than 1 h. (See also Subsection 3.3.3. for *care, treatment or detention occupancies*, Article 3.3.4.2. for *residential occupancies*, and Article 3.1.8.7. for *fire dampers*.)
- 2) The *fire-resistance rating* of the *fire separation* required by Sentence (1) is permitted to be less than 1 h but not less than 45 min provided the *fire-resistance rating* required by Subsection 3.2.2. is permitted to be less than 1 h for
  - a) the floor assembly above the *floor area*, or
  - b) the floor assembly below the *floor area*, if there is no floor assembly above.
- 3) *Occupancies* that are served by *public corridors* conforming to Clause 3.3.1.4.(4)(b) in a *building* that is *sprinklered* throughout, are not required to be separated from one another by *fire separations* provided the *occupancies* are
  - a) *suites of business and personal services occupancy*,
  - b) fast food vending operations that do not provide seating for customers,
  - c) *suites of mercantile occupancy*, or
  - d) any combination of these occupancies.
- 4) No *fire separation* is required between *suites of business and personal services occupancy*.

##### Definition of a Suite

Suite means a single room or series of rooms of complementary use, operated under a single tenancy, and includes dwelling units, individual guest rooms in motels, hotels, boarding houses, rooming houses and dormitories as well as individual stores and individual or complementary rooms for business and personal services occupancies. (See Appendix A.)