



## CHAPTER 1

### 1.1 GENERAL

The code serves to establish the minimum requirements for fire safety provisions. It takes into account the function, design, management, operation, and maintenance of buildings to secure the life safety of occupants in the event of a fire.

This chapter lists the Appendices for specific buildings or usage and the definitions of the commonly used terms in this code.

#### 1.1.1 *Buildings Designated for Conservation*

Buildings which are designated for conservation as classified under the National Heritage Fund Act 2003 and other private heritage building / monuments / sites shall comply with the Technical Guides for Buildings Designated for Conservation as described in Appendix 1.

#### 1.1.2 *Rapid Transit System*

Fire safety requirements for surface and elevated rapid transit systems, including light railways, trainways, transit stations, maintenance depots, and rapid transit system facility buildings, shall comply with this code.

#### 1.1.3 *Fire Safety Requirements in Temporary Buildings on Construction Sites*

All temporary structures/buildings including site offices, store or housing quarters on construction sites shall comply with the technical guidelines as set out in Appendix 3.

A set of plans of the temporary buildings, duly endorsed by a Qualified Person (QP), shall be available on site for inspection by the MFRS at all times.

#### 1.1.4 *Fire Safety Requirements for Chemical/Hazmat Warehouses*

Chemicals or hazardous materials (hazmat) as classified in Dangerous Chemicals Control Act 2004 have a wide range of properties and hazards which must be identified and understood if the conditions of “safe warehousing” are to be achieved.

A complete understanding of the hazards also requires an assessment of the container and packaging systems and storage arrangements.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Chemical/Hazmat Warehouses are described in Appendix 2.



### **1.1.5 *Fire Safety Requirements for Buildings Under Construction***

Currently, there are two types of rising mains required in our buildings ie. Dry riser for buildings between 18m to 30m in habitable height and wet riser for buildings above 30m in habitable height. Where a building is required to have the provision of rising mains, all rising mains (either dry or wet riser) shall be designed and installed while the building is under construction.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Buildings Under Construction are described in Appendix 3.

### **1.1.6 *Fire Safety Requirements for General Warehouses***

The scope of these guidelines covers the fire safety requirements for general warehouses which include single-storey single-user warehouses, single-storey multi-user warehouses, underground warehouses, multi-storey warehouses with or without basements and warehouse within other non-industrial buildings.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for General Warehouses are described in Appendix 4.

### **1.1.7 *Fire Safety Requirements for Fully Automated Mechanised Car Park (FAMCP)***

The fully automated mechanised car park buildings, which can be above and/or below ground, incorporate the revolutionary concept of parking and retrieving a vehicle by mechanical means without the driver entering the parking area. The buildings are therefore unmanned and are totally different from the conventional car parks, such as, car park in a multi-storey building, multi-storey car parks, etc. In view of the peculiar designs and operations of the fully automated mechanised car parks.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Fully Automated Mechanised Car Park are described in Appendix 5.

### **1.1.8 *Notes on the use of Intumescent Paints for Protection to Structural Steel Members of Buildings.***

Technical guides for the use of Intumescent Paints for Protection to Structural Steel Members of Buildings are described in Appendix 6.

### **1.1.9 *Structural Loading of Fire Engine on Access way***

The technical data for Structural Loading of Fire Engine on Access way are described in Appendix 7.



### **1.1.10 *Additional Fire Safety Requirements for High-Rise Building***

Buildings that go beyond 7 storeys shall be labelled as high-rise buildings. In view of greater fire safety concerns associated with taller buildings such as higher complexities faced by emergency responders in fire-fighting and rescue efforts as well as evacuation of the occupants.

Technical guides for additional Fire Safety Requirements for High-Rise Building are described in appendix 8.

### **1.1.11 *Water Supply Requirements***

Current pumping and storage capacities as stipulated in BS 9990 can be reduced, on account that buildings having wet risers are likely to be sprinkler protected and the number of fire hose jets likely to be deployed at the fire site. The reduction in water supply requirements would result in less space requirements and thus impose smaller loads on the building structure.

The technical guides for Water Supply Requirements are described in appendix 9.

### **1.1.12 *Fire Safety Requirements for Petroleum Service Station***

The requirements for storing and dispensing of liquid petroleum in Petroleum Service Station, as defined under The Inflammable Liquids and Substances Act 1953. Its purpose is not intended to preclude the use of alternative designs, materials and methods that provide equivalent standards of safety. Petroleum Service Stations are installations where petrol, diesel and autogas (LPG) are kept and dispensed as fuel for motor vehicles, on forecourt areas, which members of the public have access to.

Measures and provisions must be made to prevent ignition sources coming into contact with liquid petroleum or its vapour. The control of ignition sources may become more difficult on sites where the public have access. This would cause the risk to life and property to be potentially high, especially where there are activities apart from dispensing petrol or where supervision is not constant.

The technical guides for additional Fire Safety Requirements for Petroleum Service Station are described in appendix 10.

### **1.1.13 *Reduced Water Storage Requirements for Sprinkler systems in Buildings***

The primary purpose of these guidelines is to facilitate the installation of sprinkler systems in existing buildings that are not already protected by sprinkler system. They are also applicable to new buildings having similar hazards. With the timely response by the MFRS, the designated water storage capacities in these guidelines should be adequate for the sprinkler system to control the fire spread till the arrival and the intervention by fire fighters.



The technical guides for Reduced Water Storage Requirements for Sprinkler systems in Buildings (for Ordinary Hazard Groups) are described in appendix 9.

**1.1.14 *Fire Safety Requirements for High Containment Facility (BIO- Safety Level 3 / 4)***

The purpose of these guidelines is to stipulate the fire safety requirements for high containment facility or laboratory that handles biological agents or toxins, designed to meet the WHO and MOH's requirements of Bio-Safety Level 3 [BSL-3] or higher level facility. These guidelines will assist the Qualified Persons in the design of fire safety provisions for the high containment facility.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for High Containment Facility (BIO- Safety Level 3 / 4) are described in appendix 11.

**1.1.15 *Fire Safety Requirements for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Cylinder Installations***

The scope of these guidelines covers both outdoor and indoor LPG cylinder installations. It is intended for commercial, industrial and residential premises with eating outlets, eating places, canteens, restaurants and other eateries which use LPG for cooking purposes. It is also intended for industrial applications involving hot works.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Cylinder Installations are described in appendix 12.

**1.1.16 *Fire Safety Requirements for Laboratories Handling Hazardous Chemicals***

For laboratory storing and using chemicals/hazmat shall be in compliance with NFPA 45.

**1.1.17 *Water Supply Requirements for Sprinkler and Wet Riser Systems.***

These requirements serve to facilitate the installation of combined storage and pumping facilities for fire-fighting systems in high-rise buildings which would result in less space requirements, smaller loads imposed on the building structure and less cost in maintaining the system. The wet riser storage tank is able to cater to the effective operation of both sprinkler and wet riser systems, taking into consideration the response time of MFRS's firefighting crew to fire incidents and standard operations procedures at fire site.

The technical guides for Water Supply Requirements for Sprinkler and Wet Riser Systems are described in Appendix 9.



### **1.1.18** *Certification of Regulated Fire Safety Products/Materials*

Fire safety products and building materials shall be in accordance to relevant standards issued by the Mauritius Standard Bureau (MSB) or any other equivalent approved standard.

The technical guides for Certification of Regulated Fire Safety Products/Materials are described in Appendix 13.

### **1.1.19** *Fire Safety Requirements for Temporary Workers' Quarters in Uncompleted Permanent Buildings on Construction Sites*

The scope of this Fire Safety Requirements (FSR) comprises the design, construction, installation and maintenance of temporary workers' quarters in uncompleted buildings on construction sites. It includes fire safety plans submission for such workers' quarters.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Temporary Workers' Quarters in Uncompleted Permanent Buildings on Construction Sites are described in Appendix 14.

### **1.1.20** *Fire Safety Requirements for Ductless Jet Fans System in Car Parks*

This set of requirements is only applicable to conventional car parks where passenger cars/light weight vehicles are parked alongside each other with common driveways and is not intended for mechanised car park system or other forms of car parking systems.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Ductless Jet Fans System in Car Parks are described in Appendix 15.

### **1.1.21** *Fire Safety Requirements for Determination of Design Fires for Industrial Premises*

This set of requirements is only applicable to sprinklered industrial premises (factory and warehouse) without in-rack sprinklers and limited to the design of smoke control system based on Cl. 7.6 of this Code (i.e. prescriptive-based approach).

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Determination of Design Fires for Industrial Premises are described in Appendix 16.



### **1.1.22 *Fire Safety Requirements for Lift Rescue***

This set of Fire Safety Requirements (FSR) stipulates the fire safety provisions for performing lift rescue operation in buildings with blind lift hoist ways exceeding 11m. The fire safety requirements stipulated herein shall be applicable to buildings of all-purpose groups except purpose group I.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Lift Rescue are described in Appendix 17.

### **1.1.23 *Fire Safety Requirements for Persons with Disabilities***

The scope of these requirements covers the provision of fire safety features to assist persons with disabilities (PWDs) during emergencies and the development of plans to manage the evacuation of PWDs. It shall be applicable to all buildings except Purpose Group I and buildings used as Health Care Occupancy (i.e. Hospital, Nursing Home, Ambulatory Health Care Centre, Custodian Care and Supervisory Care facility) as defined in this Code.

Non-residential standalone buildings such as car park buildings and clubhouses that are located within the residential development and intended as ancillary use are not required to comply with these requirements.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements for Persons with Disabilities described in Appendix 18.

### **1.1.24 *Fire Safety Requirements on using Lifts for Evacuation of Building Occupants during Emergency***

The scope of these requirements covers the provision of lift design for evacuation of building occupants requiring assistance during emergencies. It shall be applicable to all buildings exceeding 24m except Purpose Group I and II buildings (residential developments) as defined in this Code.

The technical guides for Fire Safety Requirements on using Lifts for Evacuation of Building Occupants during Emergency are described in Appendix 19.

### **1.1.25 *Review on Use of Hydrocarbon Refrigerant***

With the rising awareness of environmental concern, Hydrocarbon (HC) refrigerant is seen by some as a suitable replacement for the less environmentally friendly refrigerants, which will be phased out under the Montreal Protocol. Although the use of HC refrigerant is deemed to be environmentally friendly and results in possible cost savings from better energy efficiency, it is extremely flammable and has its inherent fire safety risks.

The technical guides for Review on Use of Hydrocarbon Refrigerant are described in Appendix 20.



### **1.1.26** *Fire Safety Requirements for Mega Underground Developments*

This guideline provides the broad fire safety requirements for mega underground developments. It is applicable to mega underground developments regardless of size and no. of occupants. Fire safety requirements not covered in this guideline shall comply with the requirements stipulated in the Fire Code. Appendix 21 provides the guidelines for fire safety requirements for Mega Underground Developments

### **1.1.27** *Provision of Exit and Directional Signs in Buildings*

Entrance to every exit on every floor shall be clearly indicated by an exit sign placed over the exit doors. In long corridors, open floor areas, and all situations where the location of the exits may not be readily visible, directional signs shall be provided to serve as guides from all portions of the corridors or floors. Room shall also be provided with exit sign. Appendix 22 provides the guidelines for rooms that require the provision of exit signs.

## **1.2** **DEFINITIONS**

### **1.2.1** The abbreviations listed in the following table are used in this Code:

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition</b>
AC	Air Conditioning
AHU	Air Handling Unit
API	American Petroleum Institute
ARD	Automatic Rescue Device
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BS	British Standard
BSL	Bio-Safety Level
CB	Certification Bodies
Cl.	Clause
CWA	Central Water Authority



EN	European Norm
F&B	Food & Beverages
FAMCP	Fully Automated Mechanised Car Park
FCC	Fire Command Centre
FCU	Fan Coil Unit
FSM	Fire Safety Manager
FSR	Fire Safety Requirements
HC	Hydrocarbon
HRC	High Rupturing Capacity
IDF	Intermediate Distribution Frame
ISH	Indoor Sport Hall
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
M&E	Mechanical and Electrical
MCCB	Moulded Case Circuit Breaker
MDF	Main Distribution Frame
MFRS	Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service
MOH	Ministry of Health
MS	Mauritius Standard
MSB	Mauritius Standard Bureau
MSCP	Multi-Storey Car Park
MV	Mechanical Ventilation
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NV	Natural Ventilation





PABX	Private Automatic Branch Exchange
PE	Professional Engineer
PWD	Persons with Disabilities
QP	Qualified Person
RC	Rear Court
UL	Underwriters Laboratories Inc.
WHO	World Health Organisation

### 1.2.1A Air-Well

An air-well is a space(s) enclosed substantially by building(s) and directly open to the sky.

#### **Table 1.2.1A**

Minimum Air-well size

<b>Max. Habitable Height of Building</b>	<b>Min. Clear width of Air-well</b>
18 m	10 m
24 m	11 m
36 m	12 m
48 m	13 m
60 m and above	14 m

### 1.2.2 *Approved*

“Approved” means approved by the MFRS.

#### 1.2.2(A) *Ancillary office*

Any office which supports the activities of another Purpose Groups III, V, VI, VII and VIII and is located within the same building or compartment as the purpose group it serves is termed as ancillary office.

#### 1.2.2(B) *Ancillary usage*

- a) The ancillary office, sick room/first aid room, reception lobby/area, waiting area, staff lounge/staff recreation room, staff rest room/pantry, staff changing/locker room, meeting room, staff training room etc are considered as ancillary use and part of the same purpose group.



- b) In addition, workshop, laboratories (no open flame), store room, material/product holding area and packing/ distribution area housed within factory or warehouse buildings are also considered as ancillary use

### **1.2.3** *Area of Building*

- a) The area of any storey of a building or compartment shall be taken to be the total area of that storey bounded by the inner finished surfaces of the enclosing walls or, on any side where there are no enclosing walls, by the outermost edge of the floor on that side.
- b) The area of any room or space shall be taken to be the total area of its floor bounded by the inner finished surfaces of the walls forming the room or space.
- c) The area of any part of a roof shall be taken to be the actual visible area of such part measured on a plane parallel to the pitch of the roof.

### **1.2.4** *Area of refuge*

- (a) In the building under consideration, an area of refuge is an area adequately separated from the rest of the building by fire resisting construction (see Cl. 3.3 for details), and evacuees from the rest of the building enter the area of refuge using an external corridor that links this area to the rest of the building. An area of refuge may serve as required exit in lieu of the provisions given under Cl. 1.2.24.
- (b) An area of refuge may also be an area in an adjoining building which is separated from the building under consideration by fire resisting construction and evacuees similarly enter this area of refuge using an external corridor.
- (c) An area of refuge shall always be accessible.

### **1.2.5** *Atrium*

An atrium within a building is a large open space created by an opening, or a series of openings, in floor assemblies, thus connecting two or more storey. Atrium is covered at the top and is used for purposes other than those associated with small shafts, such as for stairs, elevators and various services. The sides of the atrium may be open to all floors, to some of the floors, or closed to all or some floors by unrated or rated fire-resistance construction.



### **1.2.6** *Basement Storey*

- a) A storey of a building which is below the first storey and the floor of which is situated at such a level that more than half the height of such storey is below the level of the ground adjoining its perimeter walls for more than half the length of such perimeter walls, and
- b) Where the building has no storey above ground, a storey the floor of which is situated at such a level that either the whole storey is below ground or more than half the height of such storey is below the level of the ground adjoining its perimeter walls for more than half the length of such perimeter walls.

### **1.2.7** *Boundary*

The boundary of the land belonging to the building under consideration, and including the imaginary extension of the boundary up to the centre of an abutting public street, canal or river.

### **1.2.8** *Cavity barrier*

Construction provided :

- (a) To seal a cavity (concealed space) against the penetration of smoke and flame, or
- (b) Within a cavity (concealed space) to stop the movement of smoke and flame within the cavity.

### **1.2.9** *Ceiling*

A part of a building which encloses and is exposed overhead in a room, circulation space or protected shaft. (A soffit or roof light is included as part of its surface, but not the frame of a roof light).

### **1.2.10** *Circulation space*

A space mainly used as means of access between a room or protected shaft and an exit from the building or compartment. It shall not contain any commercial activity such as information and reception counter, exhibition and the like.

### **1.2.11** *Code of practice*

Code of practice is the standard of practice acceptable to the MFRS. The Chief Fire Officer may adopt requirements stipulated in the stated year of publication of any referred Code of Practice or at its discretion adopt those specified in a later version.

**1.2.12** *Compartment*

A part of a building separated from all other parts of the same building by compartment walls and/or compartment floors. A roof space above the top storey of a compartment is included in that compartment.

**1.2.13** *Compartment wall & compartment floor*

A wall or a floor which is provided for the purpose of dividing a building into compartments for the purposes of Cl. 3.2 and complies with Cl. 3.7.

**1.2.14** *Concealed space (cavity)*

A space enclosed by elements of a building (including a suspended ceiling or raised floor or space between curtain walling and the floor slab or spandrel wall) or contained within an element but not a room, cupboard, circulation space, protected shaft or space within a flue, chute, duct, pipe or conduit.

**1.2.15** *Corridor*

A passage providing means of access from rooms or spaces to an exit.

**1.2.16** *Cubical extent of building or compartment*

The cubical extent of a building or compartment shall be ascertained by measuring the volume of space contained within the building or compartment :

- a) The inner finished surfaces of the enclosing walls or, on any side where there is no enclosing wall, a plane extending vertically above the outermost edge of the floor on that side,
- b) The upper surface of its lowest floor, and
- c) In the case of a building or compartment which extends to a roof, the under surface of the roof or, in the case of any other compartment, the under surface of the ceiling of the highest storey within the compartment, including the space occupied by any other wall, or any unprotected shafts, ducts or structure within the space to be so measured, but excluding protected lift walls, exit staircases and other accommodation (such as lavatory and locker rooms) which are enclosed with walls having fire resistance of not less than one hour and openings protected by doors of one half hour fire resistance fitted with automatic self-closing device.

**1.2.17** *Dead-end*

A dead-end refers to a situation within a common area, normally a corridor or lift lobby spaces, where exit is only possible from one end, with no possible escape from the other end. The maximum length of such dead-end spaces shall not exceed 15m and 20m (if sprinklered) as stipulated in Table 2.2A, column (vi) see diagram 1.2.17.

**1.2.18** *Direct distance*

The shortest distance from a point in a room or space, measured within the external enclosure walls of the room or space to the relevant exits, ignoring internal walls, partitions and fittings other than the enclosure walls of exit passageways or exit staircases.

**1.2.19** *Door*

Includes any shutter, cover or other form of protection to an opening in any wall or floor of a building or in the structure surrounding a protected shaft, regardless of whether the door is constructed of one or more leaves.

**1.2.20** *Electro-magnetic or electro-mechanical device susceptible to smoke*

A device which will allow a door held open by it to close automatically in the event of each or anyone of the following:

- a) Detection of smoke by automatic apparatus suitable in nature, quality and location, and
- b) Operation of a hand operated switch fitted in a suitable position, and
- c) Failure of electricity supply to the device, apparatus or switch, and
- d) Operation of the fire alarm system if any.

**1.2.21** *Element of Structure*

- a) A member forming part of the structural frame of a building or any other beam or column but not a member forming part of a roof structure only,
- b) A load-bearing wall or load-bearing part of a wall,
- c) A floor, including a compartment floor, other than the lowest floor (in contact with the ground) of a building,
- d) An external wall,
- e) A separating wall,
- f) A compartment wall, and
- g) A structure enclosing a protected shaft (protecting structure).

**1.2.22** *Emergency generator*

Emergency power generating equipment that complies with the requirements in accordance with BS ISO 8528.

**1.2.23**     *Emergency Lighting and Exit Lighting*

- (a) Emergency lighting means lighting provided with a secondary source of power supply.
- (b) Exit lighting means that part of emergency lighting which is provided to illuminate the exits.

**1.2.24**     *Exit*

A means of escape from the interior of the building to an exterior space which is provided by the use of the following either singly or in combination: exterior door openings, exit staircases, exit ramps or exit passageways. In the case of an exit leading to a separate building, exits also include link ways, walkways, bridges and balconies. Exit shall not include access stairs, aisles, corridor doors or corridors and access doors to rooms or spaces in occupancy areas.

**1.2.25**     *Exit door*

A door provided at the doorway of an exit for the passage of people, forming part of the integrity of the exit, including the exterior door opening.

**1.2.25(A)**   *Exit access*

That portion of a means of escape that leads to an exit. It includes the room and building spaces that people occupy, the doors along the escape routes, lobbies, aisles, passageways, corridors, access stairs and ramps that will be traversed in order to reach an exit.

**1.2.25(B)**   *Exit Access Door*

A door which provides access to a room or space (excluding toilet cubicle, bedroom, storeroom, utility room, pantry and the like) or installed across the escape path leading to an exit. Exit access door shall comply with all the requirements of an exit door and need not have fire resistance rating, unless it is specified.

**1.2.26**     *Exit passageway*

A horizontal extension of a vertical exit, i.e. exit staircase or a passage leading from a courtyard to an open exterior space, complying with the requirements of Cl. 3.8 for protected shafts in respect of fire resistance ratings for enclosure walls, floors, ceilings and doors that serves as a required exit.

Exit passageway shall be required to comply with the provisions of Cl. 2.3.2.

**1.2.27**     *Exit staircase*

A staircase which has its enclosure constructed of non-combustible material having a fire resistance of not less than the minimum period required by Cl. 3.3, for Elements of Structure for the part of the building in which it is situated.

**1.2.28**     *External cladding*

Material fixed to the outside face of an external wall for weather protection or decorative purpose.

**1.2.29**     *External exit staircase*

- a) An exit staircase which serves as a required exit shall be located outside the building and open to the outdoor air, and enclosed by parapet walls or railing only.
- b) An external staircase shall qualify as an external exit staircase if it is located within or abutting an air-well (which is open to sky and is required to provide lighting and ventilation to the occupancy areas) having the minimum size in relation to the habitable height of the building as given in the Table 1.2.1A.

**1.2.30**     *External exit passageway*

An exit passageway opens to the outdoor air, which serves as a required exit.

External Exit Passageway shall comply with the provisions of Cl. 2.3.2(c).

**1.2.31**     *External wall (or side of a building)*

An outer wall or vertical enclosure, including a part of the roof pitched at an angle of 70 degrees or more to the horizontal if that part of the roof adjoins a space within the building to which persons have access.

**1.2.32**     *Fire resistance*

The minimum period of time during which an element of structure or building element may be expected to function satisfactorily while subjected to a standard fire test.

**1.2.33**     *Fire stop*

A seal provided to close an imperfection of fit or any joint between elements, components or construction in a building so as to prevent and restrict penetration of smoke and flame through that imperfection or joint.

**1.2.34**     *Fire-fighting lobby*

A smoke-stop lobby which is adjacent to a fire lift and exit staircase designated for use by the fire-fighting team during an emergency. The lobby shall not be used for any other purposes and the size of the lobby shall not be smaller than 6m<sup>2</sup> and with no dimension smaller than 2 m.



### **1.2.35**     *Flexible joints and flexible connections*

For air conditioning and mechanical ventilation systems:

- a) Flexible joints means connections between ducts and equipment normally provided to isolate vibration and to allow thermal movement.
- b) Flexible connections means flexible sections of ducts provided to connect the extremity of ventilation ductwork to terminal units, extract units and grilles.

### **1.2.35(A)**     *Fire Engine Access Road*

An access road to allow a fire-fighting appliance to move from one location to another within a development for firefighting purpose/ operation. It shall comply with Cl. 4.2.2.

### **1.2.35(B)**     *Fire Engine Access way*

An access road to allow a fire-fighting appliance to carry out fire-fighting operation and shall be located along the perimeter of the building in such a way and, in such extent as required in Cl. 4.2.2.

### **1.2.36**     *Habitable floor*

A floor or part thereof, including roof level, regardless whether it is opened to sky or not, designated to be used for any purpose/ activity other than housing lift motors, fire pumps, water supply pumps, cooling towers and water tanks. Such purpose/activity shall include terrace, garden and playground and other M & E plants.

### **1.2.37**     *Habitable height*

The habitable height is the height measured from the lowest level of fire engine access way or access road (applicable to buildings under Purpose Group II) to the finished floor level of the highest habitable floor.

### **1.2.38**     *Height of Building*

The height of building or (where relevant) of part of a building as described in this Code, means the height of such building or part, measured from the average level of the ground adjoining the outside of the external walls of the building to the level of half the vertical height of the roof of the building or part, or the top of the walls or of the parapet (if any), whichever is the higher.



**1.2.39 High hazard occupancy**

Any occupancy in which the contents or activities include one or more of the following:

- a materials that will flame up by themselves without the presence of any fire source below the ignition temperature of 200°C,
- b materials that would produce poisonous, noxious fumes, or flammable vapour,
- c materials that would cause explosions,
- d extra high hazard occupancies classified under BS EN 12845, and
- e highly combustible substances and flammable liquids.

**1.2.40 Load-bearing wall**

Load-bearing wall means a wall which supports any load in addition to its own weight.

**1.2.40(A) Masonry**

In the context of this Code, masonry refers to brick or concrete construction or other equivalent construction approved by the MFRS.

**1.2.41 MFRS**

MFRS means the Chief Fire Officer and includes officers authorised by him generally or specifically to exercise the powers, functions and duties conferred by the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service Act 2013.

**1.2.42 Non-combustible material**

Non-combustible material means any material which neither burns nor gives off flammable vapour in sufficient quantity to ignite when subjected to the test for combustibility prescribed in BS 476, and includes materials of limited combustibility, such as:

- a) Any material of density 300 kg/m<sup>3</sup> or more, which when tested to BS 476, does not flame and the rise in temperature on the furnace thermocouple is not more than 20°C;
- b) Any material with a non-combustible core at least 8mm thick having combustible facings (on one or both sides) not more than 0.5mm thick; and
- c) Any material of density less than 300 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, which when tested to BS 476, does not flame for more than 10 seconds and the rise in temperature on the centre (specimen) thermocouple is not more than 35°C and on the furnace thermocouple is not more than 25°C.
- d) Any materials that can achieve class A1 or A2 in accordance with EN 13501 standard.

**1.2.43 Non load bearing wall**

Non load bearing wall means a wall which supports no load other than its own weight.

**1.2.44**     *Notional boundary*

Boundary presumed to exist for the purpose of this document between buildings on the same site.

**1.2.45**     *Occupant load*

The "occupant load" of a building or part thereof means the total number of persons that may occupy such building or part thereof at any one time. The "occupant load" shall be established:

- a) by applying to the floor areas available for occupation based on the appropriate areas per person as laid down in Table 1.2A, or
- b) by the number of fixed seating, if applicable, for Assembly Occupancies.

**1.2.46**     *Permitted limit of unprotected area*

The maximum aggregate area of unprotected areas in any side or external wall of a building or compartment as referred to in Cl. 3.5.3.

**1.2.46(A)**   *Private lifts*

Private lifts are passenger lifts which are meant for the exclusive use of occupants in the building, and are located to open its door directly into private enclosed spaces. Private lifts shall exclude vehicle lifts, home lifts and stair lifts.

**1.2.47**     *Protected shaft*

An exit staircase, exit passageway, lift, chute, duct or other shaft which enables persons or things or air to pass from one compartment to another.

**1.2.48**     *Protecting structure*

Wall, floor or other part of the building which encloses a protected shaft, but not:

- a) A wall which also forms part of an external wall, separating wall or compartment wall, or
- b) A floor which is also a compartment floor or a floor laid directly on the ground, or
- c) A roof.

**1.2.49**     *Public building*

Public building means a building or part thereof used or constructed or adapted to be used as a shop, office, hospital or place of public resort, not being a church, chapel, mosque, temple or other place where public worship is or religious ceremonies are performed.

**1.2.50 Purpose group**

For the purpose of this document, every building or compartment shall be regarded according to its use or intended use as falling within one of the purpose groups set out in Table 1.2B. For designation of purpose group, where a building is divided into compartments used or intended to be used for different purposes, the purpose group of each compartment shall be determined separately, provided that where the whole or part of a building or compartment (as the case may be) is used or intended to be used for more than one purpose, only the main purpose of use of that building or compartment shall be taken into account in determining into which purpose group it falls.

Remarks:

Requirements for buildings not covered in Table 1.2B, including but not limited to Power Stations, Telecommunication Exchanges, Incinerator Buildings, Wood Working Buildings, Rubber Factory Buildings, Matches and Fire Works Factories, Glass Factories, Chemical Plants, Petroleum Refineries and Buildings used for the manufacture and storage of Highly Combustible Substances and Flammable Liquids, etc shall be consulted with the MFRS.

**1.2.51 Qualified Person**

Qualified Person means Architects, Engineers, Safety & Health practitioners, Certified Technicians

**1.2.52 Relevant boundary**

Boundary in relation to a side or external wall of a building or compartment, including a notional boundary.

**1.2.53 Roof light**

Includes any dome light, lantern light, skylight or other element intended to admit daylight.

**1.2.54 Room**

An enclosed space in a building that is not an enclosed circulation space or a protected shaft or an enclosed space not exceeding 750mm in depth.

**1.2.55 Separated part of a building**

A form of compartmentation that is a part which is separated from another part of the same building by a compartment wall which runs full height of the part and is in one continuous plane.

**1.2.56 Separating wall**

A wall separating adjoining buildings.

**1.2.57**     *Smoke check door*

A door or set of doors placed in an internal corridor to restrict the spread of smoke by reducing draft.

**1.2.57(A)**   *Storey*

A storey means any floor or part thereof including platform, mezzanine, attic level and M&E floor.

**1.2.58**     *Smoke-stop lobby*

A lobby located at the entrance to an exit staircase to help to prevent or minimise the entry of smoke into the staircase. The size of the lobby shall not be smaller than 3m<sup>2</sup>.

**1.2.58(A)**   *Tenancy unit*

Tenancy unit refers to an individual unit or subdivided unit within a building or a compartment, and which is managed by a different operator and or a Syndicate.

**1.2.59**     *Travel distance*

The distance required to be traversed from the most remote point in any room or space to the edge of a door opening directly to :

- (a) an exit staircase, or
- (b) an exit passageway, or
- (c) an open exterior space,

unless otherwise permitted under this Code as in the case of hotel bedrooms (Cl. 2.7.3), residential apartments or maisonettes (Cl. 2.4.7) and exit to Area of Refuge (Cl. 2.2.6(f)).

**1.2.60**     *Two-way escape (Remoteness of exits)*

Where more than one exit is required from a building or portion thereof, such exits shall be remotely located from each other and shall be arranged and constructed to minimise the possibility that more than one can be rendered unusable by any one fire or other emergency condition.

**(a) Two-way escape**

If two exits or exit access doors are required, they shall be placed at a distance from one another equal to or not less than half the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building or area to be served, measured in a straight line between the furthest edges of the exit doors or exit access doors (see diagram 1.2.60(a)(i) to (v)), subject to :



- (i) If the distance between the 2 exits or exit access doors is less than half the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building or area to be served, it shall be considered as a one-way escape arrangement; and
- (ii) The separation distance measured in a straight line between the furthest edges of the doors of the two exits (exit staircases, exit passageways or exit ramps) shall not be less than 7m.

**(b) Reduction in exit separation**

In buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system which complies with the requirements of chapter 6, the minimum separation distance between two exits or exit access doors measured in accordance with sub-clause 1.2.60(a) shall be not less than one third the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the building or area to be served. The separation distance measured in a straight line between the furthest edges of the doors of the two exits (exit staircases, exit passageways or exit ramps) shall not be less than 7m.

**(c) Exit separation measured along exit access corridor**

Where two exit staircases, exit passageways or exit ramps are inter-connected by a corridor, exit separation shall be permitted to be measured along the line of travel within the exit access corridor. The exit access corridor connecting the exit staircases, exit passageways or exit ramps shall be protected by minimum one hour fire rated enclosures. Doors opening into this corridor shall have minimum half hour fire resistance rating (see diagram 1.2.60(c)). The separation distance measured along the line of travel within the exit access corridor between the furthest edges of the doors of the two exits (exit staircases, exit passageways or exit ramps) shall not be less than 7m.

**(d) One-way travel**

- (i) A one-way travel or “common path” exists if a floor space is arranged or provided with partitioning works such that occupants within that space are able to travel in only one direction to reach any of the exits or to reach the splitting point where they have the choice of two or more routes of travel to remote exits.
- (ii) The travel distance from the most remote point to the splitting point shall not exceed the permissible one-way travel distance allowed in Table 2.2A. At the splitting point, the angle of divergence between any two alternative routes shall not be less than 90 degrees in order that the routes originating from the splitting point can be considered as two-way travel.



(iii) The aggregate travel distances of the one-way travel from the most remote point to the splitting point and the continuous two-way travel from the splitting point to the nearest exit shall not exceed the permissible two-way travel distance allowed in Table 2.2A.

### **1.2.61** *Unprotected area*

In relation to a side or external wall of a building means:

- (a) A window, door or other opening, and
- (b) Any part of the external wall which has less than the relevant fire resistance required in Cl. 3.5, and
- (c) Any part of the external wall which has combustible material more than 1mm thick attached or applied to its external face whether for cladding or any other purpose.

### **1.2.62** *Vertical exit*

An exit staircase or exit ramp serving as required exit from one or more storeys above or below ground level.

### **1.2.63** *Wall surface*

For the purpose of internal surfaces, includes:

- a. The surface of glazing, and
- b. Any part of ceiling which slopes at an angle of 70 degrees or more to the horizontal, but excluding:
  - i. door frames and unglazed parts of doors, and
  - ii. window frames and frames in which glazing is fitted, and
  - iii. architraves, cover moulds, picture rails, skirtings and similar narrow members, and
  - iv. fitted furniture.

**Table 1.2A Occupancy Load Tables**

Schedule 2	Purpose Group II	Residential.
Schedule 3.1	Purpose Group III	Health-Care Occupancy (Hospital, Clinic & Polyclinic).
Schedule 3.2	Purpose Group III	Student Hostel, Dormitory, Old Folks Home, Orphanage,
		Children's Home, Day-care Centre, Kindergarten, Infant Care,
		Army Camp, Detention/Correction Centre.
Schedule 3.3	Purpose Group III	Schools, Colleges, Commercial Schools,
		Vocational Institution, Polytechnic, University.
Schedule 4	Purpose Group IV	Offices, Banks, Publishers, Stock Brokers.
Schedule 5	Purpose Group V	Shops, Shopping Centres & Arcades.
Schedule 6	Purpose Group VI	Factories, Industrial Plants.
Schedule 7.1	Purpose Group VII	Hotels, Holiday Resorts, Boarding Houses, Service Apartments,
		Convention Centres, Private Clubs.
Schedule 7.2	Purpose Group VII	Community Centres.
Schedule 7.3	Purpose Group VII	Museums, Public Art Galleries, Exhibition Centres.
Schedule 7.4	Purpose Group VII	Theatres, Cinemas, Concert Halls.
Schedule 7.5	Purpose Group VII	Public Libraries.
Schedule 7.6	Purpose Group VII	Religious Buildings.
Schedule 7.7	Purpose Group VII	Public Sports Complex, Stadium,
		Public Swimming Complex.
Schedule 7.8	Purpose Group VII	Recreational Buildings, Amusement Centres.
Schedule 7.9	Purpose Group VII	Eating Houses, Restaurants, Coffee Shops,
		Hawker Centres, Fast Food Outlets.
Schedule 7.10	Purpose Group VII	Bus Terminals, Train Station, Airport, Ferry Terminal.
Schedule 8	Purpose Group VIII	Warehouses, Godowns, Car Parks.

**Table 1.2A Occupancy Load Tables**

<b>Purpose Group</b>	<b>Descriptive Title</b>	<b>Purpose for which building or part of the building is used or intended to be used</b>
I	Small residential	Private dwelling house such as bungalows, semi-detached houses and terrace houses
II	Other residential	Accommodation for residential purposes other than any premises comprised in Group I to include flats, maisonettes, apartments etc.
III	Institutional	Establishments used for treatment, care or maintenance of persons suffering from disabilities, or educational purposes and accommodations, including hospitals, clinics, polyclinics student hostels, dormitories, old folks homes, orphanages, children's homes, day-care centres, infant care, kindergartens, army camps, detention/ correction centres, schools, colleges, commercial schools, vocational institutions, polytechnics and universities.
IV	Office	Office or premises used for office purposes meaning the purposes of administration, clerical work (including book-keeping, accounting, drawing and editorial work etc) telephone and telegraph operating and banking or as premises occupied with an office for the purposes of the activities therein carried on.
V	Shop	Shop or shopping centre including departmental stores, shopping arcades, supermarkets, drugstores, showrooms for sale of goods, hairdressing and beauty salons, ticketing agencies, pawnshops, laundries and/or any other similar trades or businesses.
VI	Factory	A factory refers to any industrial premises with manufacturing, processing, servicing or testing activities
VII	Place of public resort	Premises used for social, recreational or business purposes to include hotels, holiday resorts, boarding houses, service apartments, convention centres, private clubs, community centres, museums, public art galleries, exhibition centres, theatres, cinemas, concert halls, public libraries, religious buildings, public sports complex, stadium, public swimming complex, recreational buildings, amusement centres, eating houses, restaurants, coffee shops, hawker centres, fast food outlets, bus terminals, train stations, airport and ferry terminals.
VIII	Storage	Place of storage (including godowns, warehouses, stores etc), deposit or parking of goods, materials and/or vehicles.





<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP-II BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 2 OTHER RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS, MAISONETTES</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Gross Floor Area	calculated on habitable areas	15.0
Private roof garden/terrace of a residential unit	non-simultaneous	
Children playground (with playground equipment)		5.0
Common roof garden/roof terrace accessible to residents and guests		1.5 (except areas covered in <u>Annex E</u> )




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**OCCUPANCY LOAD-  
PURPOSE GROUP-III  
BUILDING TYPES -**

**SCHEDULE 3.1  
INSTITUTIONAL  
HEALTH-CARE OCCUPANCY  
(HOSPITAL, CLINIC & POLYCLINIC)**

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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/ Visitors Lounge		3.0
Out-patient Waiting Area		1.5
Admin Offices		10.0
Doctor's Offices		10.0
Nursing Station		10.0
Staff Lounge		3.0
Consultant/Treatment/ Examination Room		5.0
Therapy Centre		10.0
Operation Theatre		7.5
Surgical Viewing Gallery		3.0
Patient Accommodation	Intensive Care	20.0
	Room (max 2 beds)	10.0
	Ward	10.0
Laboratories		20.0
Pharmacy		20.0
Kitchen/Housekeeping		10.0
Laundry*(1)		10.0
Toilet/Locker/ Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Storage		30.0
Canteen		1.5
Restaurant		1.5
Shop		5.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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**OCCUPANCY LOAD-  
PURPOSE GROUP-III  
BUILDING TYPES -**

**SCHEDULE 3.2  
INSTITUTIONAL  
STUDENT HOSTEL, DORMITORY, OLD FOLK'S,  
HOME, ORPHANAGE, CHILDREN'S HOME, DAY-  
CARE CENTRE, KINDERGARTEN, INFANT CARE,  
ARMY CAMP, DETENTION/CORRECTION CENTRE**

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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Staff Office		10.0
Library/Reading Room	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Common Room		1.5
Multi-purpose Room		1.5
Student Bedroom	Min. 2 persons per room	15.0 (including other areas such as attached living area or toilet)
Warden's Accommodation		15.0
Sleeping Quarters/ Dormitories		3.0
Detention Room		3.0
Sick Room	non-simultaneous	
Toilets/Bath/ Changing Rooms	non-simultaneous	
Indoor Games/Hobby Room		1.5
Classroom		1.5
Kitchen/Housekeeping		10.0
Laundry*(1)		10.0
Service Area		10.0
Storage Area		30.0
Dining/Canteen		1.5
Shop		5.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		-----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP-III BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 3.3 INSTITUTIONAL SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS, VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION, POLYTECHNIC, UNIVERSITY</b>
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FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Staff Office		10.0
Class Room		1.5
Computer Classroom	Commercial School	1.5
	Others	3.0
Seminar Room		1.5
Lecture Room		1.5
Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area (School)	5.0
	(Others)	5.0
Multi Purpose Hall	*School/Colleges	1.0
	Others	1.5
Stage Area		3.0
Viewing Gallery		1.5
Design Studio		5.0
Laboratories		5.0
Workshop		5.0
Club/Society Room		1.5
Sick Room	non-simultaneous	
Storage Area		30.0
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Toilets/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Canteen		1.5
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		---
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

**\* Where school are provided with both Multi-purpose Hall and Indoor Sport Hall (ISH), the occupancy load for ISH can be based on 3m<sup>2</sup>/person instead of 1m<sup>2</sup>/person**



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP-IV BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 4 OFFICE OFFICES, BANKS, PUBLISHERS, STOCK BROKERS</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Business Centre		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Archive/Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Filing Room/Store		10.0
Computer Room		5.0
Design Studio		5.0
Drafting Office		5.0
Trading Floor		2.0
Trading Gallery		1.5
Banking Hall		3.0
Deposit/Strong Room		30.0
Machine/Printing Room*(2)		10.0
Restaurant		1.5
Canteen		1.5
Staff Canteen		1.5
Shop		5.0
Toilets	non-simultaneous	
Storage Area		30.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Aboveground or underground pedestrian linkways with commercial activities		2.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD-</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 5</b>
<b>PURPOSE GROUP- V</b>	<b>SHOPS</b>
<b>BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SHOPS, SHOPPING CENTRES &amp; ARCADES</b>

<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby	non-simultaneous	
Fixed Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Atrium Floor/Concourse		3.0
Exhibition/Promotion Area		1.5
Shop Floor		5.0
Showroom		5.0
Supermarket/Bazaar		5.0
Department Store		5.0
Restaurant		1.5
Canteen		1.5
Cafeteria		1.5
Fast Food Outlet		1.0
Admin Office		10.0
Toilets/Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Storage		30.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Aboveground or underground pedestrian link ways with commercial activities		2.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VI BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 6 FACTORY FACTORIES, FLATTED FACTORIES, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Workshop		10.0
Laboratories		5.0
Exhibition		1.5
Production Area*(2)		10.0
Packing/Distribution Area		10.0
Material/Product		30.0
General Storage	non-simultaneous	
Multi-purpose Area		1.5
Staff Recreation Room	non-simultaneous	
Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Staff Canteen		1.5
Toilets/Changing/ Locker Room	non-simultaneous	
Sick Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		---
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.1 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT HOTELS, HOLIDAY RESORTS, BOARDING HOUSES, SERVICED APARTMENTS, CONVENTION CENTRES, PRIVATE CLUBS</b>
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FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Atrium Floor/Concourse		3.0
Guestroom/Accommodation unit	Gross floor area of each room Min. 2 persons per room	15.0(including other areas such as living area, toilet, etc)
Backpacker hotel	Per room. Subject to a maximum of 20 persons per room. Maximum area of a backpacker room shall not exceed 60m <sup>2</sup>	3.0(including other areas such as living area, toilet, etc)
Serviced Apartment	Per unit	15.0
Bar/Pub	Gross area	1.0
Discotheque	Gross area	1.0(including dine & dance area)
Night Club	Gross area	1.5(including dine & dance area)
Restaurant		1.5
Exhibition/Multi-purpose area		1.5
Function/Ball Room		1.5
Pre-function Room	non-simultaneous	
Business Centre		10.0
Admin Office		10.0
Conference Room		1.5
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Shop		5.0
Health Club/Centre/SPA*(3)		5.0
Swimming Pool Deck		10.0
Swimming Pool		
Squash Court	2 per court	





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Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Staff Canteen		1.5
Toilets/Changing/ Locker Room	non-simultaneous	
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Laundry*(1)		10.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Aboveground or underground pedestrian link ways with commercial activities		2.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.2 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT COMMUNITY CENTRES</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Concourse		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Multi-purpose Hall		1.5
Meeting Room		1.5
Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Health/Fitness Room/SPA*(3)		5.0
Games Room		1.5
Canteen/Cafeteria		1.5
Kitchen		10.0
Toilets/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Storage Area		30.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

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<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.3 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT MUSEUMS, PUBLIC ART GALLERIES, EXHIBITION CENTRES</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area	Reading Area	3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Concourse		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Archive/Library	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Exhibition Area		1.5
Auditorium/Theatre		1.5(For Assembly occupancy, it can be based on fixed seating for purpose of computing occupant load)
Storage Area		30.0
Shop		5.0
Restaurant		1.5
Canteen/Cafeteria		1.5
Kitchen		10.0
Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Toilet/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.4 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT THEATRES, CINEMAS, CONCERT HALLS</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Foyer		3.0
Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Ticketing Office		10.0
Seating Gallery	by numbers or	1.5
Stage	non-simultaneous	
Back Stage		3.0
Orchestral Pit		1.5
Changing Room		3.0
Lighting/AVA Room		5.0
Projection Room		5.0
General Storage		30.0
Restaurant		1.5
Canteen/Snack Bar		1.5
Kitchen		10.0
Toilets	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.5 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Foyer	Loan Counter Area	3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Library Area	Stack Area	10.0
	Reading Area	5.0
Audio Visual Area		3.0
Auditorium/Theatre		1.5(For Assembly occupancy, it can be based on fixed seating for purpose of computing occupant load)
Multi-purpose Room		1.5
Book/General Storage		30.0
Cafeteria/Snack Bar		1.5
Kitchenette		10.0
Toilets	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		---
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.6 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Foyer		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Class Room		1.5
Prayer Hall/Gallery		1.5
Choir Gallery		1.5
Crematoria		1.5
Mortuary		30.0
Refreshment Area		1.5
Kitchenette		10.0
Staff Quarter		15.0
General Storage		30.0
Toilets/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.7 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT PUBLIC SPORTS COMPLEX, STADIUM, PUBLIC SWIMMING COMPLEX.</b>
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FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Concourse/Foyer		3.0
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Multi-Purpose Sports Hall		3.0
Gymnasium		3.5
Training Area		3.0
Grandstand/Seating Area		1.5
Squash Court	2 per court	
Swimming Pool Deck		5.0
Swimming Pool		2.5
Restaurant		1.5
Cafeteria		1.5
Fast Food Outlet		1.0
Kitchen		10.0
General Storage		30.0
Toilet/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.8 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT RECREATIONAL BUILDINGS, AMUSEMENT CENTRES</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Bowling Alley	exclude bowling lanes	1.0
Amusement Park	exclude machine areas	1.0
Billiards Room		5.0
Skating Rink	Rink Area	3.0
	Spectator Area	1.5
Discotheque	Gross area	1.0 (including dine & dance area)
Pub/Bar	Gross area	1.0
Karaoke Lounge	Gross area	1.5 (including dine & dance area)
Night Club	Gross area	1.5 (including dine & dance area)
Health Club/Centre*(3)		5.0
Restaurant		1.5
Cafeteria/Snack Bar		1.5
Fast Food Outlet		1.0
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Toilet/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
General Storage		30.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5(except areas covered in Annex E)

**\*To refer to (1) (2) or (3) of notes at the end of Schedule 8**





<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.9 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT EATING HOUSES, RESTAURANTS, COFFEE SHOPS, HAWKER CENTRES, FAST FOOD OUTLETS</b>
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FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Dining Area	Hawker Centres	1.5
	Fast Food Outlets	1.0
	Others	1.5
Bar/Pub	Gross area	1.0
Lounge		2.5
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Storage Area		30.0
Toilet/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Aboveground or underground pedestrian link ways with commercial activities		2.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 7.10 PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT BUS TERMINAL, TRAIN STATION, AIRPORT, FERRY TERMINAL</b>
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FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Concourse		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Ticketing Office		10.0
Business Centre		10.0
Passenger Arrival/	Bus Terminal	1.5
Departure Areas/Foyers	Others	3.0
Restaurant		1.5
Cafeteria		1.5
Fast Food Outlet		1.0
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Shop		5.0
Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Storage Area		30.0
Toilets/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Above-ground or underground pedestrian link ways with commercial activities		2.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)



<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD- PURPOSE GROUP- VIII BUILDING TYPES -</b>	<b>SCHEDULE 8 WAREHOUSE, GODOWNS, PUBLIC CAR PARK WAREHOUSE, GODOWNS, CAR PARKS</b>
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<b>FUNCTIONAL SPACES</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>	<b>OCCUPANCY LOAD (m<sup>2</sup>/person)</b>
Reception Area		3.0
Lobby/Corridors	non-simultaneous	
Waiting Area/Visitors Lounge		3.0
Admin Office		10.0
Meeting/Seminar Room		1.5
Packaging Area		10.0
Goods Storage		30.0
General Storage		30.0
Loading/Unloading Area		4 per Bay
Staff Rest Room	non-simultaneous	
Toilets/Changing Room	non-simultaneous	
Staff Canteen		1.5
Kitchen/Service Area		10.0
Mechanical Plant Room		30.0
Roof access for maintenance only		----
Roof garden/roof terrace accessible to staff or other members of public in the building.		1.5 (except areas covered in Annex E)

**Note:**

1. Car Parking Areas - occupancy calculated on the basis of 30 m<sup>2</sup> per person.
2. For building types not included in the above tables, occupancy load calculation shall be based on the figures established for buildings within the same purpose group, or as otherwise determined by the MFRS.

\*(1) Laundry Areas equipped with machine operation, occupancy may be calculated at 15.0sq m per person.

\*(2) Production Area whether automated or not, shall be calculated on the basis of 10.0m<sup>2</sup> per person

\*(3) Health/Fitness Centres/SPA includes areas for weight training, aerobics, massage, sauna/steam bath and whirlpools.



## Annex E

**Occupant Load Factors for Roof Garden/Roof Terrace/Sky Garden/Sky Terrace**

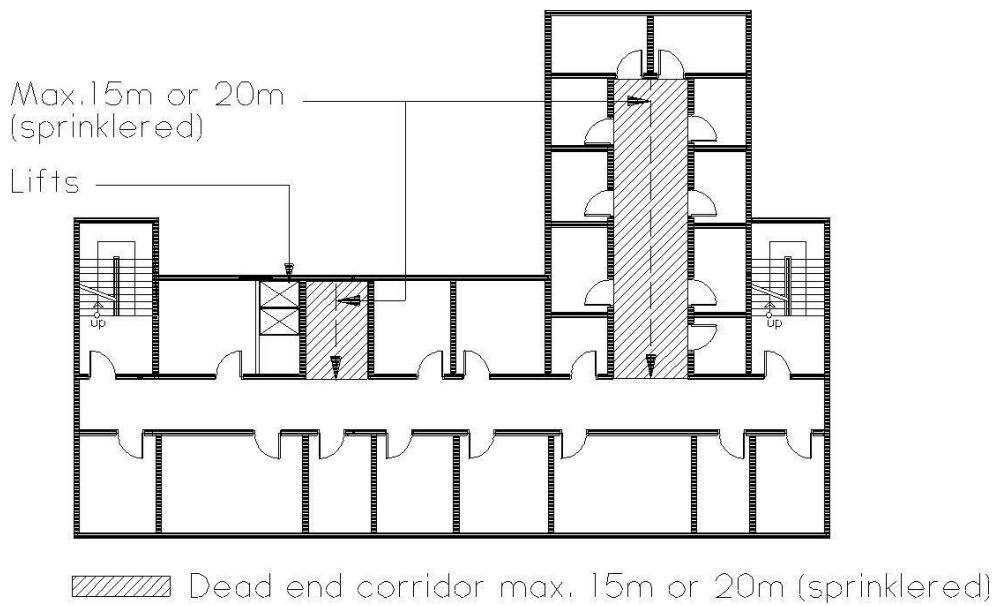
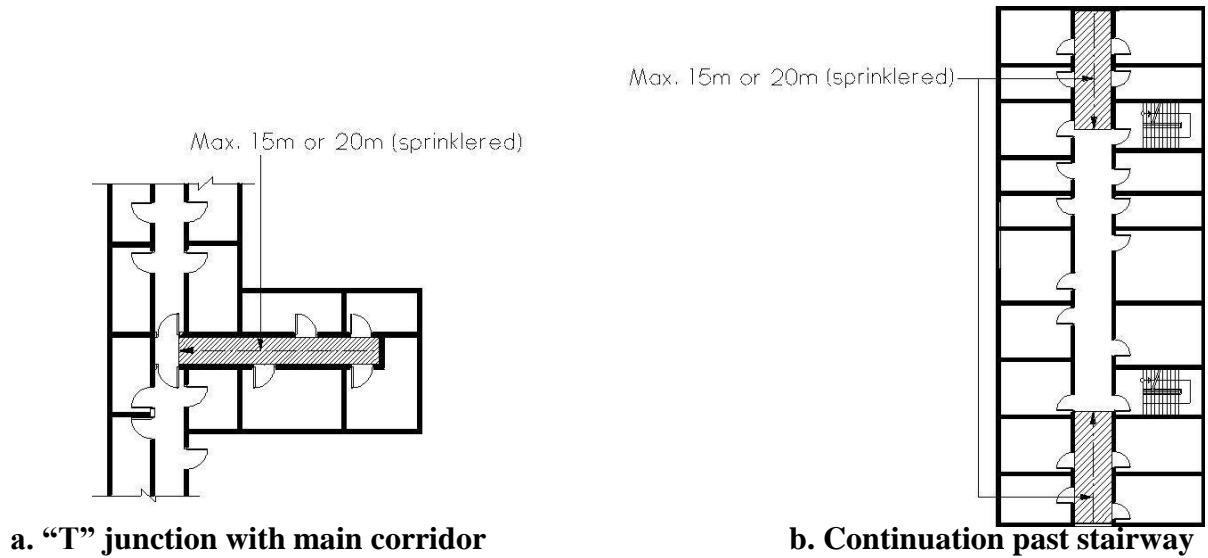
FUNCTIONAL SPACES	REMARKS	OCCUPANCY LOAD (m <sup>2</sup> /person)
Sunken planting areas	Planter boxes less than 300mm in height (regardless of whether the planter box is covered with trees/shrubs)	3.0
Height of planter box from 300mm to 500mm and covered fully with trees/shrubs	Height of planter box from 300mm to 500mm and not covered with trees/shrubs	1.5
Height of planter box exceeds 500mm (without access by steps/ramp)	Depth/height of sunken/elevated water feature (permanent/fixed structure) less than 300mm	1.5
Depth/height of sunken/elevated water feature (permanent/fixed structure) 300mm or more	Jogging track/designated foot path not exceeding 3m in width	3.0
Children playground (with playground equipment)	Roof without public or occupants access (i.e. for maintenance only)	3.0
Roof without public or occupants access (i.e. for maintenance only)		5.0
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**Note:** When A/A works are carried out at an existing roof garden, roof terrace, sky garden, sky terrace, regardless whether the A/A works increase the occupant load, QP shall submit plans to MFRS for approval.



Diagram 1.2.17

**DEAD-END CORRIDORS**



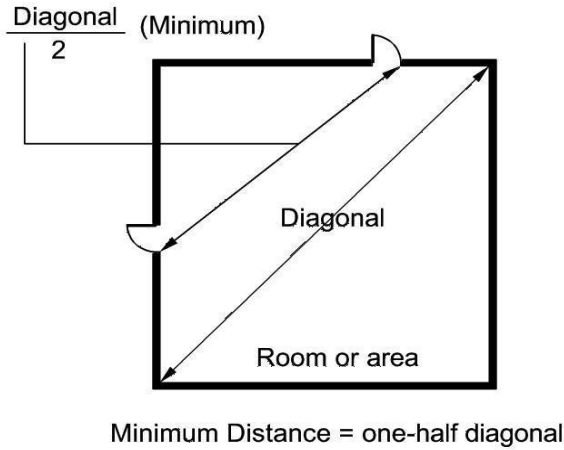
**c. Example of two common types of dead-end corridors. Both dead-end pockets serve as traps because travel into them does not lead to an exit; the egress path must be reversed to reach an exit staircase**



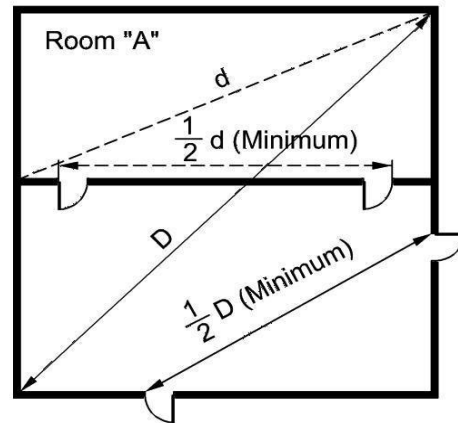
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**Remoteness of exit staircase**

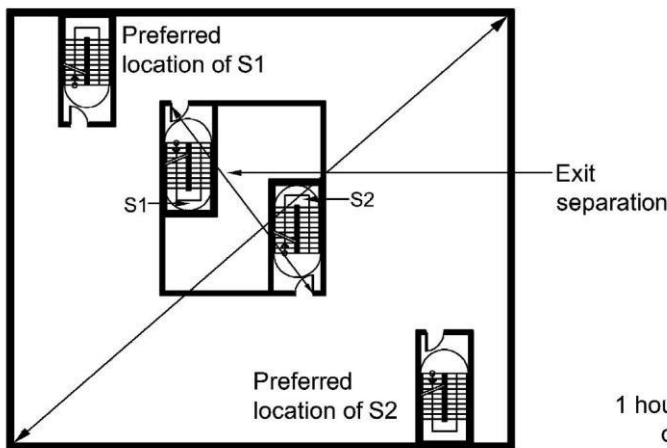
**Arrangement of exits**



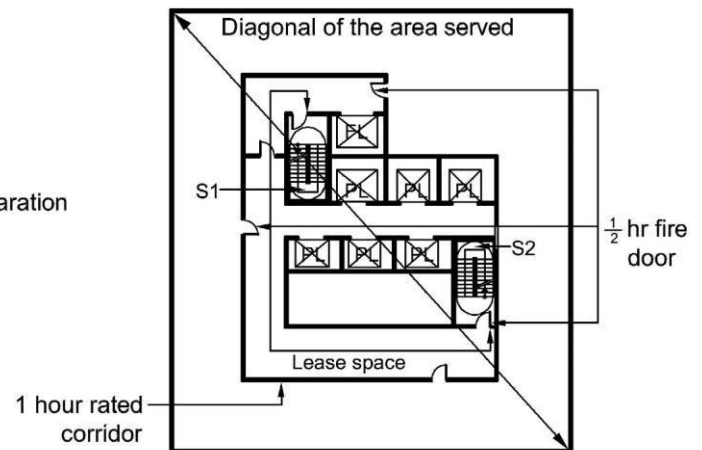
*Diagram 1.2.60(a)(i)*



*Diagram 1.2.60(a)(ii)*



*Diagram 1.2.60(a) (iii)*



*Diagram 1.2.60(a) (iv)*

**One-way escape arrangement**

The distance between the exit of staircases S1 & S2 is less than half the length of the max. overall diagonal dimension of the building or floor space

**Two-way escape arrangement**

Exit separation between the exit of staircases S1 & S2 may be based on the travel distance in the exit access corridor enclosed with 1 hour fire rated walls and 1/2 hour fire rated door



Diagram 1.2.60(a) (v)

**Remoteness of exit staircase**

**Arrangement of exits**

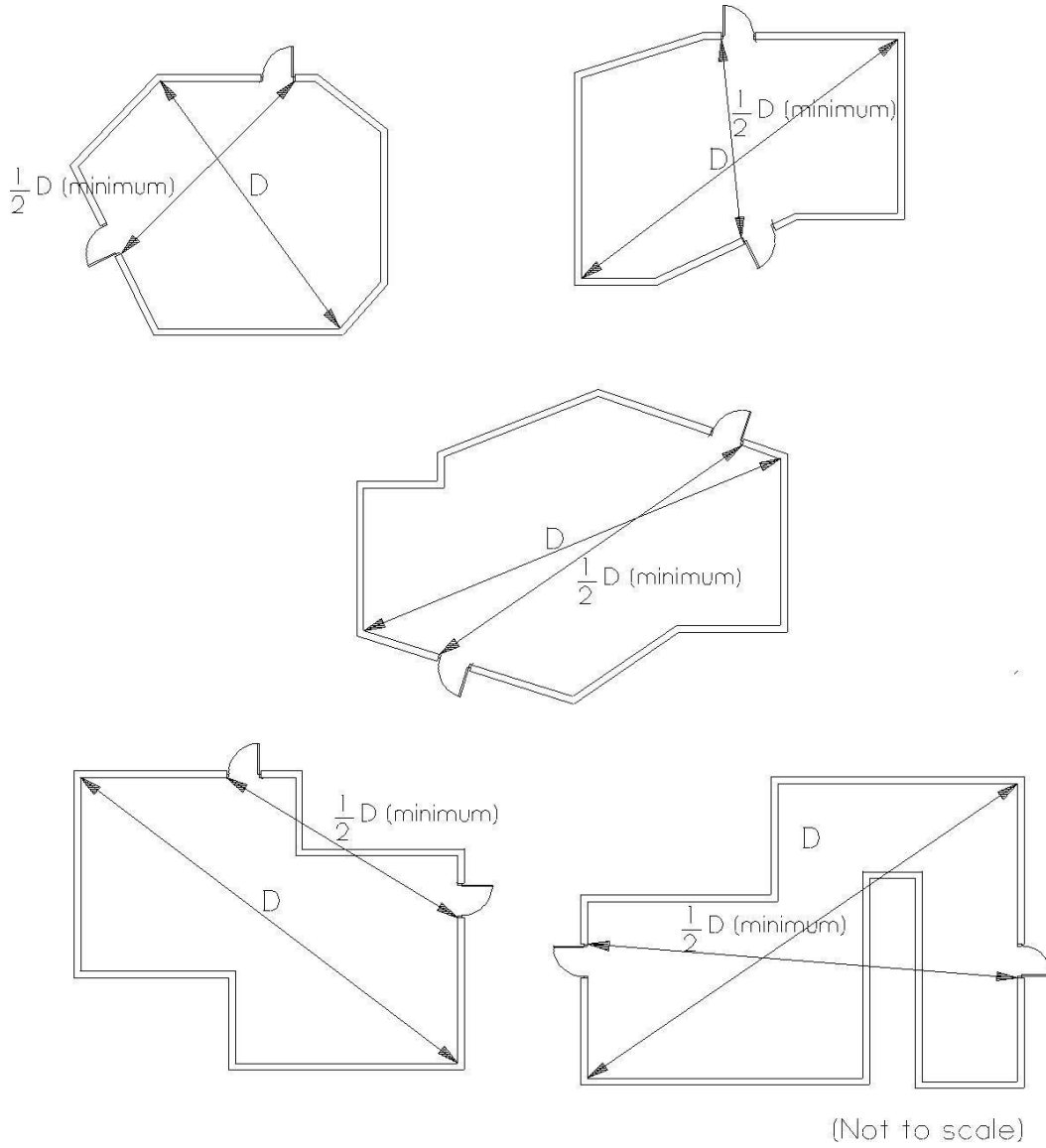
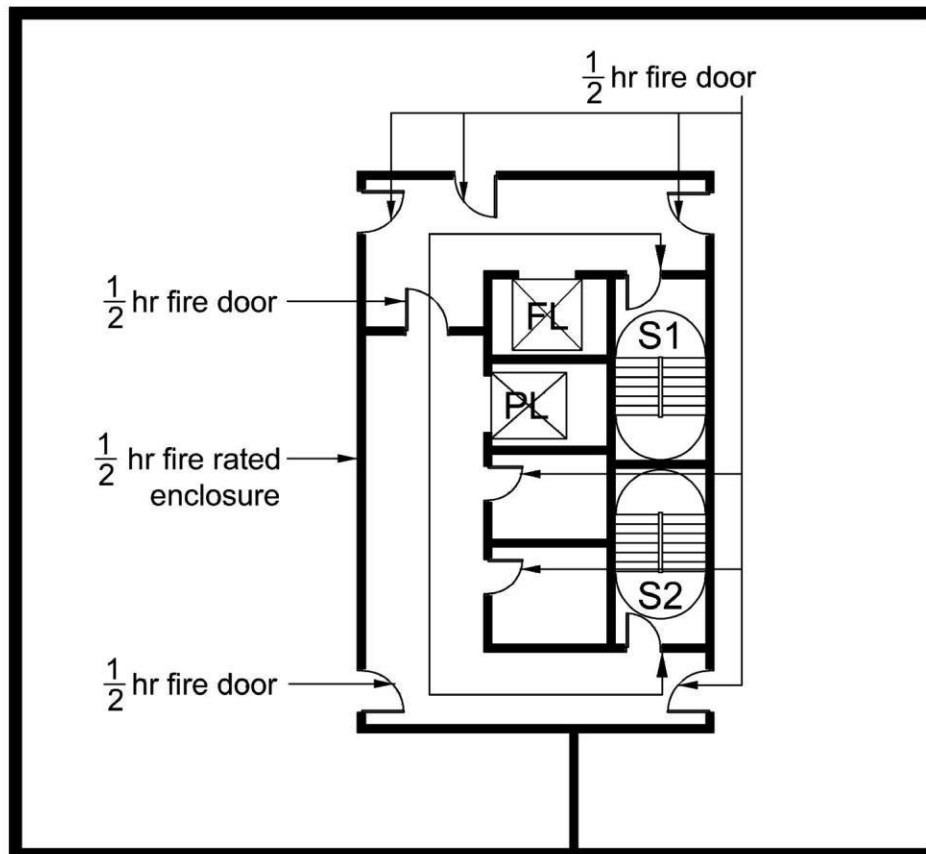




Diagram 1.2.60(c)

**Remoteness of exit staircases****Arrangement of exit staircases**

(Not to scale)

Remoteness of exits is measured along 1-hour rated corridor with 1/2 hour fire doors.

In place of measuring physical distance between exit stair enclosures, distance for purposes of determining remoteness is permitted to be measured along a protected corridor.