

**15-DAY EXPRESS TERMS  
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
REGARDING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE,  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2  
(HCD 03/18)**

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**LEGEND FOR EXPRESS TERMS**

1. Model Code language appears upright.
  2. Unmodified California 45-Day amendments appear in *underline and italics and strikethrough and italics*.
  3. California 15-Day amendments appear in *double underline and italics* or ~~*double strikethrough and italic*~~.
  4. **Rationale:** The justification for the change is shown after each section or series of related changes.
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**1. HCD proposes to amend Chapter 2, Section 202 as follows:**

**CHAPTER 2  
DEFINITIONS**

**SECTION 202  
DEFINITIONS**

***RISER.*** The upright part between two adjacent stair treads, between either an upper or lower landing and an adjacent stair tread, or between two adjacent landings.

**Rationale for change:** HCD has evaluated the Division of State Architect's (DSA) revision of the existing co-adopted definition of "riser" for possible co-adoption. According to DSA's Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the existing California amendment definition does not recognize risers as connected to landings and results in misinterpretation of the requirements based on the code definition of "riser." This term and revision was included in DSA's 45-day Express Terms rulemaking document. Co-adoption of DSA's amendment ensures lack of conflict as the term is used within Chapters 11A and 11B.

**NOTE:**

Authority Cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 17040, 17050, 17920.9, 17921, 17921.5, 17921.6, 17921.10, 17922, 17922.6, 17922.12, 17922.14, 17926, 17927, 17928, 18300, 18552, 18554, 18620, 18630, 18640, 18670, 18690, 18691, 18865, 18871.3, 18871.4, 18873, 18873.1 through 18873.5, 18938.3, 18944.11, and 19990; and Government Code Section 12955.1.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17000 through 17062.5, 17910 through 17995.5, 18200 through 18700, 18860 through 18874, and 19960 through 19997; Civil Code Sections 1101.4, and 1101.5, and 1954.201; and Government Code Sections 12955.1 and 12955.1.1.

**2. HCD proposes to amend Chapter 4, Sections 420.2, 420.3 and 420.10.1 as follows:**

**SECTION 420  
GROUPS I-1, R-1, R-2, R-3 AND R-4**

**420.2 Separation walls.** Walls separating dwelling units in the same building, walls separating sleeping units in the same building and walls separating dwelling or sleeping units from other occupancies contiguous to them in the same building shall be constructed as fire partitions in accordance with Section 708.

**Exceptions:**

- ~~1. Where sleeping units include private bathrooms, walls between bedrooms and the associated private bathrooms are not required to be constructed as fire partitions.~~
- ~~2. Where sleeping units are constructed as suites, walls between bedrooms within the sleeping unit and the walls between the bedrooms and associated living spaces are not required to be constructed as fire partitions.~~
- ~~3. In Group R-3 and R-4 facilities, walls within the dwelling units or sleeping units are not required to be constructed as fire partitions.~~

**420.3 Horizontal separation.** Floor assemblies separating dwelling units in the same buildings, floor assemblies separating sleeping units in the same building and floor assemblies separating dwelling or sleeping units from other occupancies contiguous to them in the same building shall be constructed as horizontal assemblies in accordance with Section 711.

~~**Exception:** In Group R-3 and R-4 facilities, floor assemblies within the dwelling units or sleeping units are not required to be constructed as horizontal assemblies.~~

**Rationale for change:** International Code Council (ICC) errata dated April 9, 2018, for Sections 420.2 and 420.3 indicates that the new exceptions in these two sections were withdrawn late in the code development process, however, were printed in the first edition of the 2018 International Building Code (IBC). It is HCD's intent to avoid confusion and misdirection related to requirements in these two sections and ensure that the erroneously printed exceptions in the 2018 model code are not printed in the 2019 CBC. This will ensure that final approved versions of these sections for the 2018 IBC are adopted for California.

**SECTION 420.10.1  
COOKING APPLIANCES**

**420.10.1 Cooking appliances.** Where located in Group R-2 college dormitories, domestic cooking appliances for use by residents shall be in compliance with all of the following:

1. The types of domestic cooking appliances shall be limited to ovens, cooktops, ranges, warmers, coffee makers and microwaves.
2. Domestic cooking appliances shall be limited to approved locations.

3. Cooktops and ranges shall be protected in accordance with Section 904.13.
4. Cooktops and ranges shall be provided with a domestic cooking hood installed and constructed in accordance with ~~Section 505~~ of the International California Mechanical Code. *Kitchen range hoods shall also be rated for sound and meet field verification requirements in the California Energy Code for low-rise and high-rise residential buildings.*

**Rationale for change:** HCD proposes to correct the display of the last sentence in Item 4. This sentence is a new California amendment and should have been displayed with underscore in the 45-Day Express Terms document. There is no change to the ISOR.

**NOTE:**

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**3. HCD proposes to repeal an existing California amendment in Chapter 16, TABLE 1607.1 as follows:**

**TABLE 1607.1  
MINIMUM UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LIVE LOADS, *L<sub>o</sub>*,  
AND MINIMUM CONCENTRATED LIVE LOADS<sup>g</sup>**

OCCUPANCY OR USE	UNIFORM (psf)	CONCENTRATED (lbs.)
1. Apartments (see residential)	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
5. Balconies and decks <sup>h</sup>	<del>[HCD-1, HCD-2] 1.5 times the live load for the area served, not required to exceed 100.</del>	--
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No changes to footnotes.

**Rationale for change:** HCD adopted amendments reflecting approved but unpublished updates to the future 2018 IBC in the 2016 CBC. Since HCD is adopting the 2018 IBC as the 2019 CBC, the 2016 amendments are already incorporated in the 2018 IBC and the 2016 amendments are no longer necessary. HCD intends to identify the repeal of the 2016 amendments in the revised rulemaking documents.

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