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Rated Corridor in Daycare of Educational Occupancy

Code: 2018 Building Code
Section: 1020.1

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Question:

Is a day care facility that is classified as Group E occupancy per Section 308.6.1 required to have a rated corridor if footnote g of Table 1020.1 is met?

Answer:

No. The corridor serving day care facilities with egress as required by Section 308.6.1 may be unrated per Table 1020.1, footnote g because the daycare room is a Group E occupancy with a door directly to the exterior.

The conflict comes from Table 1020.1, footnote d, which states:

"Adult and child day care facilities without sprinkler systems shall have 1-hour fire resistant corridors regardless of occupant load."

Footnote d would not pertain to this issue because the means of egress would not be through the corridor.

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