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Table 1020.1, Footnote F

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Question:

Does footnote “F” of Table 1020.1 allow exit access corridors in an unsprinklered college and university Group B classroom buildings to be unrated since they appear to be a single tenant?

Answer:

No. Footnote “F” is intended to allow a single tenant office type space to have unrated exit access corridors. In such spaces the occupants are familiar with the entirety of the area and the hazards of the area. Also, the occupant load is expected to be 100sf or more per person.

In a classroom building the occupant load is expected to be 50sf or less per person, and the occupants are not going to be aware of what may be happening in classrooms other than the one they are in. These occupants may need the additional time provided by the rated corridor to safely exit the building.

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