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Exit Stair Enclosures

Code: 2018 Building Code
Section: 1023.1

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Question:

Section 1023.1 exception #3 allows a maximum of 50 percent of egress stairs to not be enclosed when the other stairs are enclosed and meet minimum ratings, etc. It appears that this section is assuming the stair to be open. Could you have an enclosed stair using this exception, and just not rate the walls?

Answer:

Yes, the "open stair" could be a non-fire rated enclosed stair.