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Emergency Escape and Rescue Opening Requirements for Church Classrooms

Code: 2012 Building Code

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Section: 1029.1 & 303.1

Question:

For a church classroom of children 12th grade and under, which would be Group E except that it qualifies as occupancy classification A-3 by use of exception #1, #2, #3, or #5 of Section 303.1, do the emergency escape and rescue opening requirements of Section 1029 apply?

Answer:

Yes. Although the occupancy classification has changed from Group E to Group A-3, the hazard and Use remain the same.

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