





Elevators are essential to modern construction

Modern **elevators** are the crucial element that makes it practical to live and work dozens of stories above ground. High-rise cities like New York absolutely depend on elevators. Even in smaller multistory buildings, elevators are essential for making offices and apartments accessible to handicapped people.





Enhancing Vertical Mobility

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An elevator, additionally called a lift, is a vertical transportation device used to move people or items among distinctive floors of a building. Elevators are equipped with a vehicle or platform that travels alongside vertical tracks.

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SECTION 712 VERTICAL OPENINGS

712.1 General. Each vertical opening shall comply in accordance with one of the protection methods in Sections 712.1.1 through 712.1.16. 712.1.15. Ashat enclosures. Vertical openings contained entirely within a shaft enclosure complying with Section 713 shall be permitted.

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• SHAFT ENCLOSURES

713.1 General. The provisions of this section shall apply to shafts required to protect openings and penetrations through floor/ceiling and roof/ceiling assemblies. *Interior exit stairways* and *ramps* shall be enclosed in accordance with Section 1023.



3002.4 Elevator car to accommodate ambulance stretcher.

Where elevators are provided in buildings four or more stories above, or four or more stories below, grade Jone, not fewer than one elevator shall be provided for fire department emergency access to all floors. The elevator car shall be of ambulance stretcher 24 inches typ 84 inches [610 mm by 2134 within bei dentified by the instrational privided for emergency mean analogical build be identified by the instrational privided for emergency mean call tama 3 inches (76 mm) in height and shall be placed inside on both sides of the hoistway door frame.



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3004.3.1 Enclosure

 Conveyors and related equipment connecting successive floors or levels shall be enclosed with *shaft enclosures* complying with Section 713.



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3005.4 Machine rooms, control rooms, machinery spaces, and control spaces

• Elevator machine rooms, control rooms, control spaces and machinery spaces outside of but attached to a hoistway that have openings into the hoistway shall be enclosed with *fire barriers* constructed in accordance with Section 707 or *horizontal assemblies* constructed in accordance with Section 711, or both. The *fireresistance rating* shall be not less than the required rating of the hoistway enclosure served by the machinery. Openings in the *fire barriers* shall be protected with assemblies having a *fire protection rating* not less than that required for the hoistway enclosure doors. **With Exceptions**:







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 $2. \ \text{An enclosed elevator lobby shall be provided at each} \\$ floor to separate the elevator hoistway shaft enclosure doors from each floor by smoke partitions in accordance with Section 710 where the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2. In addition, doors protecting openings in the smoke partitions shall comply with Sections 710.5.2.2, 710.5.2.3 and 716.2.6.1. Penetrations of the enclosed elevator lobby by ducts and air transfer openings shall be protected as required for corridors in accordance with Section 717.5.4.1. 1 1

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3. Additional doors shall be provided at each elevator hoistway door opening in accordance with Section 3002.6. Such door shall comply with the smoke and draft control door assembly requirements in Section 716.2.2.1.1 when tested in accordance with UL 1784 without an artificial bottom seal.



3006.4 Means of egress

Elevator lobbies shall be provided with not less than one means of egress complying with Chapter 10 and other provisions in this code. Egress through an enclosed elevator lobby shall be permitted in accordance with Item 1 of Section 1016.2. 1016.2 Egress through intervening spaces. Egress through intervening spaces shall comply with this section.

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 Exit access through an enclosed elevator lobby is permitted. Access to not less than one of the required exits shall be provided without travel through the enclosed elevator lobbis: required by Section 3006.
 Where the path of exit access travel passes through an enclosed elevator lobby, the level of protection required for the enclosed elevator lobby is not required for the extended to the exit unless direct access to an exit is required by other sections of this code.







403.6 Elevators. Elevator installation and operation in *highrise buildings* shall comply with Chapter 30 and Sections 403.6.1 and 403.6.2.

HIGH-RISE BUILDING. A building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

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403.6.1 Fire Service Access Elevator

403.6.1 Fire service access elevator. In buildings with an occupied floor more than 120 feet (36 576 mm) above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access, not fewer than two fire service access elevators, or all elevators, whichever is less, shall be provided in accordance with Section 3007. Each fire service access elevator shall have a capacity of not less than 3,500 pounds (1588 kg) and shall comply with Section 3002.4.



What Is a Fire Service Access Elevator (FSAE)?



A fire service access elevator (FSAE) is a dedicated elevator that the fire department can use during fire <u>emergencies in high-rise</u> <u>buildings</u>. These elevators are essential because as buildings get taller, firefighting becomes more challenging.

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3007.2 Automatic sprinkler system. The building shall be equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, except as otherwise permitted by Section 903.3.1.1.1 and as prohibited by Section 3007.2.1.
3007.2.1 Prohibited locations. Automatic sprinklers shall not be installed in machine rooms, elevator machinery spaces, control rooms, control spaces and elevator hoistways of fire service access elevators.
3007.2.2 Sprinkler system monitoring. The sprinkler system shall have a sprinkler ontrol valve supervisory switch and water-flow-initiating device provided for each floor that is monitored by the building's *fire alarm system*.



3007.4 Shunt trip. Means for elevator shutdown in accordance with Section 3005.5 shall not be installed on elevator systems used for fire service access elevators.





403.2.3.2 Wall assembly materials

The face of the wall assemblies making up the enclosures for *interior exit* stativarys and elevator hoistway enclosures that are not exposed to the interior of the enclosures for *interior exit* stativarys or elevator hoistway enclosure shall be constructed in accordance with one of the following methods: The wall assembly shall incorporate not fewer than two layers of impact-resistant construction band each of which meets or exceeds Hard Body Impact Classification Level 2 as measured by the test method described in ASTM C1629/C1629M.
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 The wall assembly incorporates multiple layers of any material, tested in tandem, that meets or exceeds Hard Body Impact Classification Level 3 as measured by the test method described in ASTM C1629/C1629M.

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3007.6.1 Access to interior exit stairway or ramp. The enclosed fire service access elevator lobby shall have direct access from the enclosed elevator lobby to an enclosure for an interior exit stairway or ramp. Exception: Access to an interior exit stairway or ramp shall be permitted to be through a protected path of travel that has a level of fire protection not less than the elevator lobby enclosure. The protected path shall be separated from the enclosed elevator lobby through an opening protected by a smoke and draft control assembly in accordance Section 716.2.2.1.

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3007.6.3 Lobby doorways. Other than doors to the hoistway, elevator control room or elevator control space, each doorway to an enclosed fire service access elevator lobby shall be provided with a 3/4-hour *fire door assembly* complying with Section 716. The *fire door assembly* shall comply with the smoke and *draft* control door assembly requirements of Section 716.2.2.1.1 and be tested in accordance with UL 1784 without an artificial bottom seal.

3007.6.5 Fire service access elevator symbol

A pictorial symbol of a standardized design designating which elevators are fire service access elevators shall be installed on each side of the hoistway door frame on the portion of the frame at right angles to the fire service access elevator lobby fire service access elevator lobby.

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The fire service access elevator shall be continuously monitored at the *fire command center* by a standard emergency service interface system meeting the requirements of NFPA 72.

FIRE COMMAND CENTER. The principal attended or unattended location where the status of detection, alarm communications and control systems is displayed, and from which the systems can be manually controlled.

3007.8.1 Protection of wiring or cables. Wires or cables that are located outside of the elevator hoistway and machine room and that provide normal or standby power, control signals, communication with the car, lighting, heating, air conditioning, *ventilation* and fire-detecting systems to fire service access elevators shall be protected using one of the following methods:

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1. Cables used for survivability of required critical circuits shall be listed in accordance with UL 2196 and shall have a *fire-resistance rating* of not less than 2 hours.
2. Electrical circuit protective systems shall have a *fire-resistance rating* of not less than 2 hours. Electrical circuit protective systems shall be installed in accordance with their listing requirements.
3. Construction having a *fire-resistance rating* of not less than 2 hours.
Exception: Wring and cables to control signals are not required to be protected provided that wiring and cables do not serve Phase II emergency in-car operations.

SECTION 3008 OCCUPANT EVACUATION ELEVATORS

• 3008.1 General. Elevators used for occupant self-evacuation during fires shall comply with Sections 3008.1 through 3008.10.

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What is an Occupant Evacuation Elevator? Much like Fire Service Access Elevators, Occupant Evacuation Elevators are in fact elevators that have strict rules and regulations put in place to allow special uses above standard elevators. An Occupant Evacuation Elevator can be used for self-evacuation during a fire emergency pending the elevator system meets the requirements set forth in the International Building Code.

3008.2 **Automatic** sprinkler system.

The building shall be equipped throughout with an *approved*, electrically supervised *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, except as otherwise permitted by Section 903.3.1.1.1 and as prohibited by Section 3008.2.1.

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3008.6 Occupant evacuation elevator lobby

Occupant evacuation elevators shall open into an enclosed elevator lobby in accordance with Sections 3008.6.1 through 3008.6.6. Egress is permitted through the elevator lobby in accordance with Item 1 of Section 1016.2.

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1016.2 Egress through intervening spaces. Egress through intervening spaces shall comply with this section.

1. Exit access through an enclosed elevator lobby is permitted. Access to not less than one of the required exits shall be provided without travel through the enclosed elevator lobbies required by Section 3006. Where the path of exit access travel passes through an enclosed elevator lobby, the level of protection required for the enclosed elevator lobby is not required to be extended to the exit unless direct access to an exit is required by other sections of this code.

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3008.6.1 Access to interior exit stairway or ramp. The occupant evacuation elevator lobby shall have direct access from the enclosed elevator lobby to an *interior exit stairway* or *ramp*. Exceptions: Access to an *interior exit stairway* or *ramp* shall be permitted to be through a protected path of travel that has a level of fire protection not less than the elevator lobby enclosure. The protected path shall be separated from the enclosed elevator lobby through an opening protected by a smoke and draft control assembly in accordance Section 716.2.2.1. Elevators that only service an open parking garage and the lobby of the building shall not be required to provide direct access.

3008.6.3 Lobby doorways

Other than the doors to the

hoistway, elevator machine rooms, machinery spaces, control rooms and control spaces within the lobby enclosure smoke barrier, each doorway to an occupant evacuation elevator lobby shall be provided with a 3/4-hour *fire door assembly* complying with Section 716. The *fire door assembly* shall comply with the smoke and draft control assembly requirements of Section 716.2.2.1.1 and be tested in accordance with UL 1784 without an artificial bottom seal.

3008.6.6 Twoway communication system A two-way communication system shall be provided in each occupant evacuation elevator lobby for the purpose of initiating communication with the *fire command center* or an alternate location *approved* by the fire department. The two-way communication system shall be designed and installed in accordance

with Sections 1009.8.1 and 1009.8.2

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3008.8.2 Protection of wiring or cables

Wires or cables that are located outside of the elevator hoistway, machine room, control room and control space and that provide normal or standby power, control signals, communication with the car, lighting, heating, air conditioning, *ventilation* and fire-detecting systems to occupant evacuation elevators shall be protected using one of the following methods:

Exceptions for Area of Refuge

Exceptions: 1. Areas of refuge are not required at the elevator in open parking garages.

 Areas of refuge are not required in buildings and facilities equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2.

 Areas of refuge are not required at elevators not required to be located in a shaft in accordance with Section 712.
 Areas of refuge are not required at elevators serving smoke-protected assembly seating areas complying with Section 1029.6.2.

5. Areas of refuge are not required for elevators accessed from a refuge area in conjunction with a horizontal exit.

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Elevator Door Requirements Monor Shall be consistent comply with Section 407.3. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be horizontal sliding type. Car gates shall be graphibid. Monor Shall be permitted, provided the following criteria are met: Monor Shall be permitted, provided the following criteria are met: (Monor Coord) with Sections (Monor Coor

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Side (Off Center)	36 inches (915 mm)1	68 inches (1725 mm)	51 inches (1295 mm)	54 inches (1370 mm
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Platform Lifts Exceptions

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EXCEPTIONS: 1. Doors or gates shall be permitted to be of the self-closing, manual type, where that door or gate provides access to a narrow end of the platform that serves only one landing. This exception shall not apply to doors or gates with ramps.

2. Lifts serving two landings maximum and having doors or gates on adjacent sides shall be permitted to have self closing manual doors or gates provided that the side door or gate is located with the strike side furthest from the end door. This exception shall not apply to door or gates with ramps.

