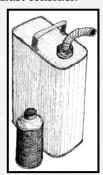


OCCUPANCY GROUP FIRE LOADING			
TABLE 10 - OCCUPANCIES – FIRE LOAD – FIRE SEVERITY 16			
OCCUPANCY	COMBUSTIBLES (psf)	FIRE SEVERITY (hours)	
ASSEMBLY	5 to 10	1/2 to 1	
BUSINESS	5 to 10	1/2 to 1	
EDUCATIONAL	5 to 10	1/2 to 1	
FACTORY-INDUSTRIAL			
LOW HAZARD	0 to 10	0 to 1	
MODERATE HAZARD	10 to 25	1 to 3	
HAZARDOUS	Variable	Variable	
INSTITUTIONAL	5 to 10	1/2 to 1	
MERCANTILE	10 to 20	1 to 2	
RESIDENTIAL	5 to 10	1/2 to 1	
STORAGE			
LOW HAZARD	0 to 10	0 to 1	
MODERATE HAZARD	10 to 30	1 to 3	
Chapter 3 – Use and Occupancy Classification, is based on fire loading and other			
use characteristics.			
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# AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVE OR TOXIC CONTENTS

When looking for hazards associated with explosive or toxic contents, one must consider:



- 1. That many buildings have explosive and toxic materials within them;
- 2. The amount of materials that are of concern; and
- 3. The relative differences amongst occupancies.

Chapter 3 – Use and Occupancy Classification, is also based on explosive or toxic contents, as well as, other use characteristics.

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### HAZARD OF CONTENTS

Contents in a building are assigned to one of three categories:

- 1. Low-Hazard;
- 2. Moderate- or Ordinary-Hazard; or
- 3. High-Hazard.



Most of the Chapter 3 occupancy classifications are considered to be Moderate Hazard.

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# LOW-HAZARD CONTENTS

# These buildings have the following characteristics:

- They contain contents that are low in combustibility (no selfpropagating fire can occur in them);
- Their greatest hazard is from smoke or from an external fire source; and
- 3. They are not as common as moderate- or ordinary-hazard buildings.



A "tongue-in-cheek" description would be, "Buildings storing metal wrenches in metal containers on noncombustible shelves."

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### MODERATE- OR ORDINARY-HAZARD CONTENTS

### These buildings have the following characteristics:



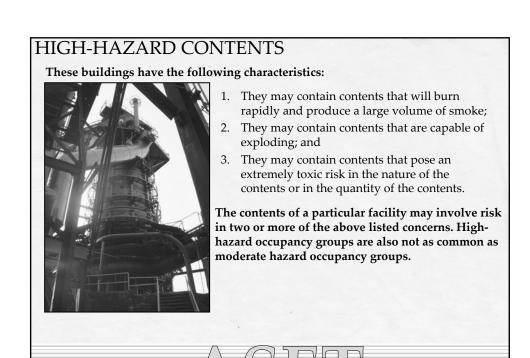
- 1. They contain contents that will burn with moderate rapidity;
- 2. Their contents are capable of giving off a great amount of smoke; and
- 3. They are the most common buildings and are the basis for the "General" requirements of codes

Lower and higher levels of hazard are addressed in codes, more or less, as exceptions to the rule. Most of the occupancy groups defined in Chapter 3 are moderate hazard occupancies.

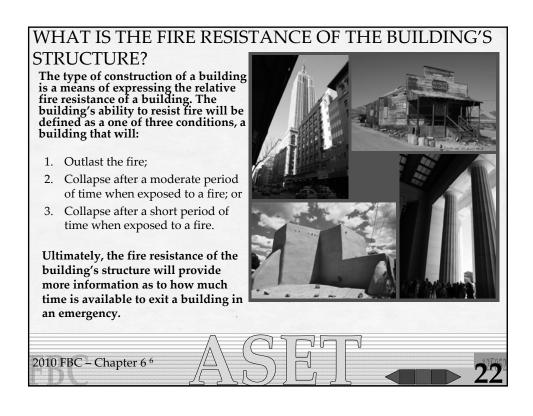
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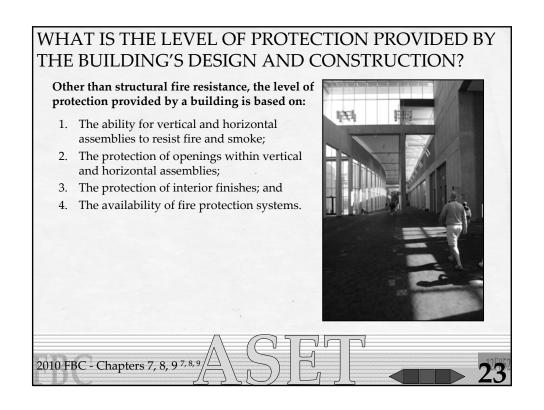
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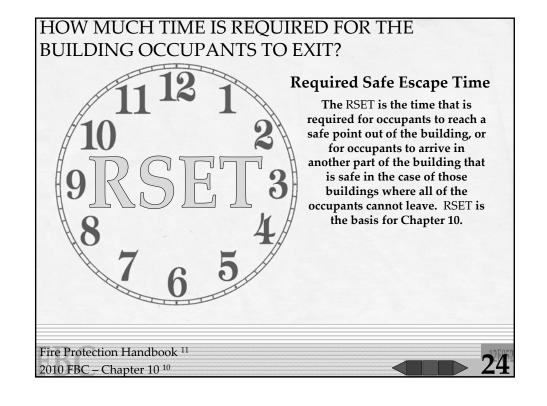
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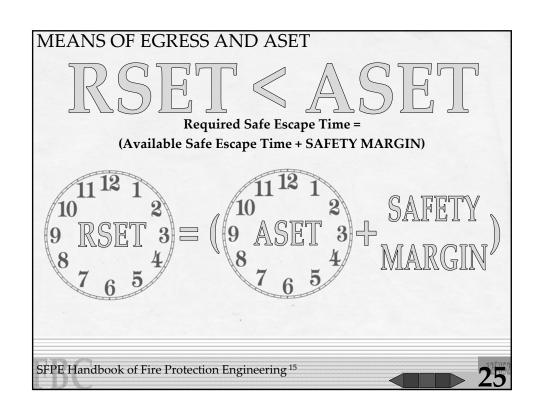


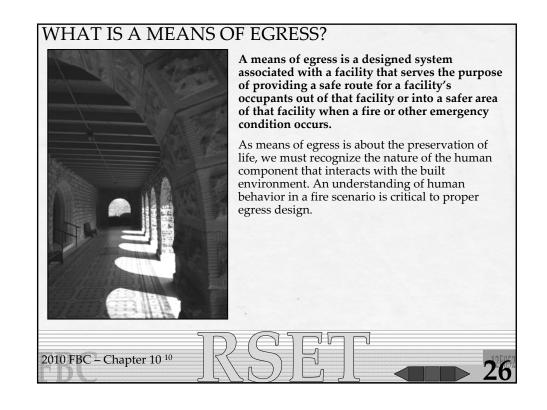
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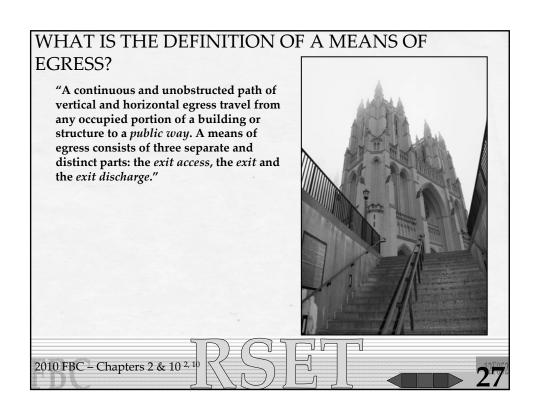


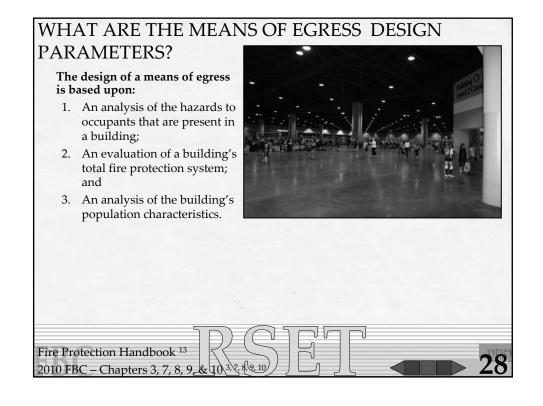


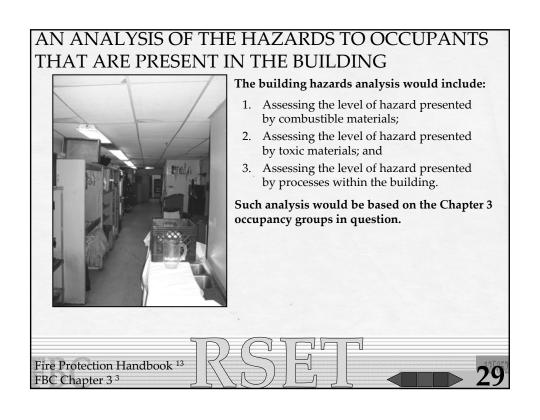


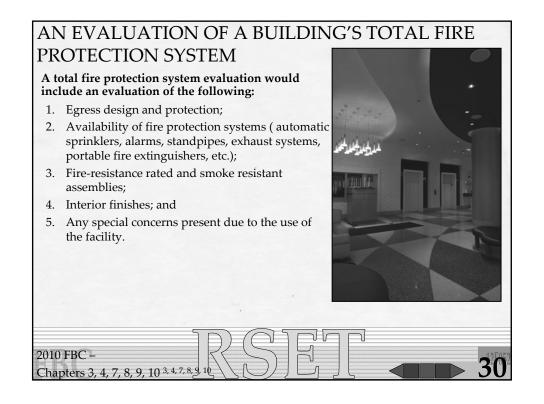


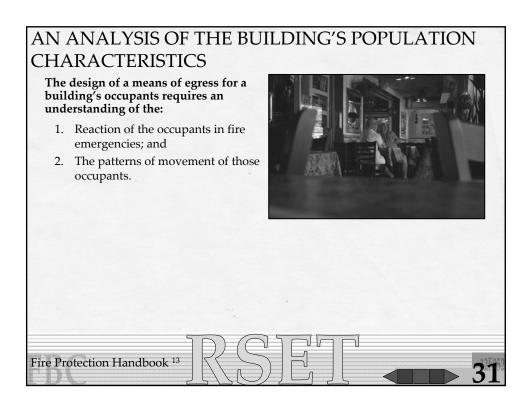


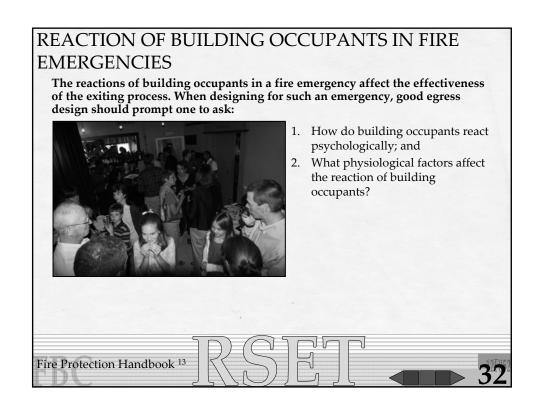


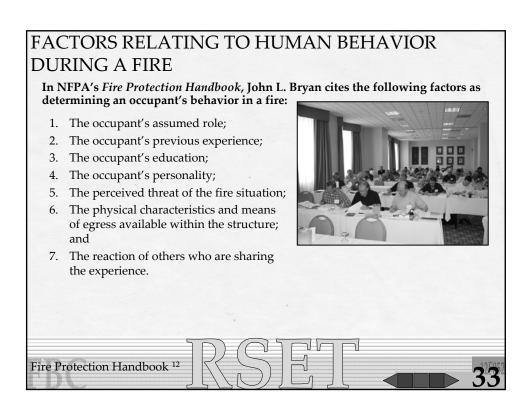


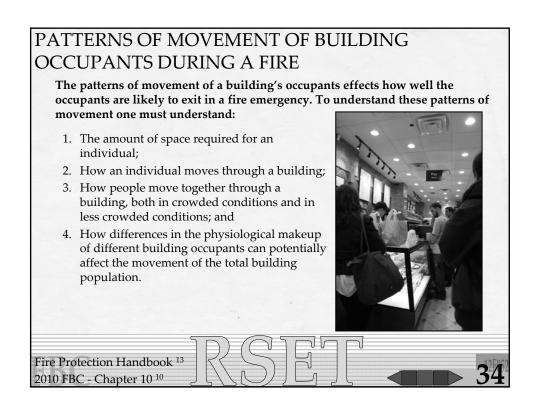


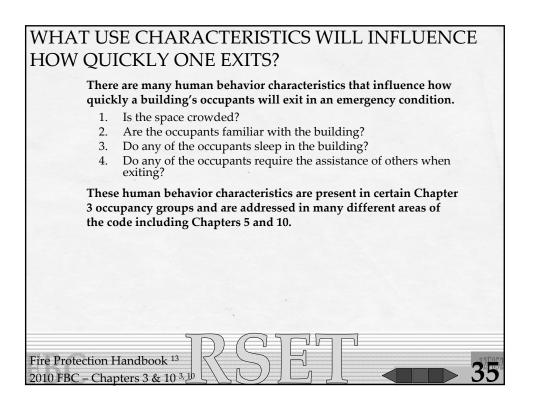


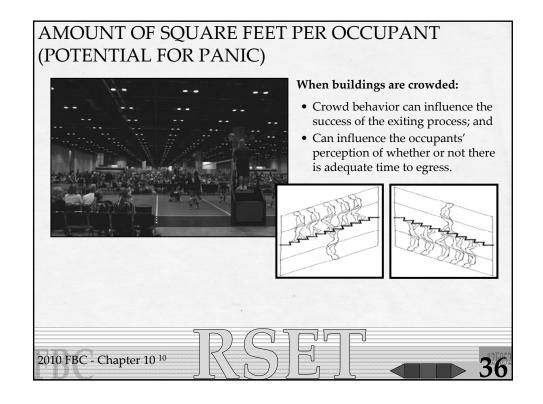


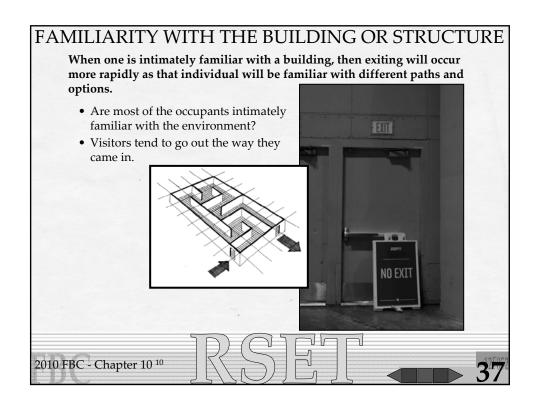


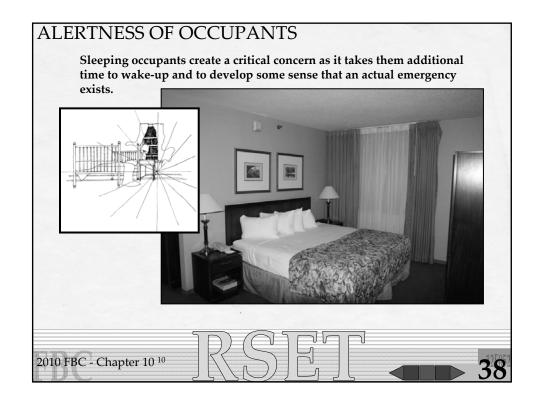


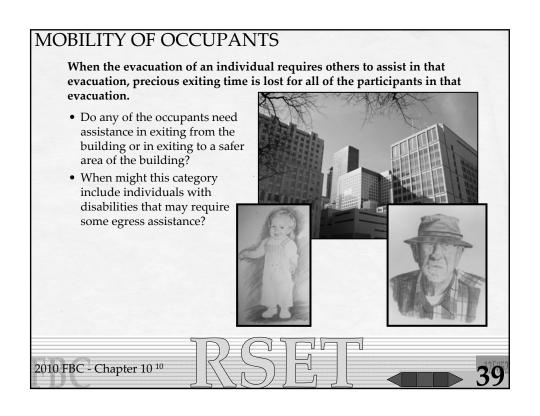


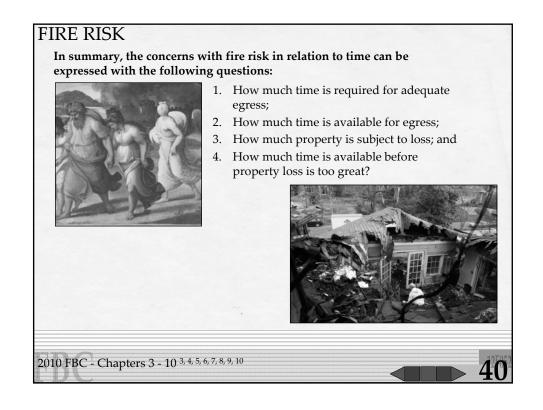


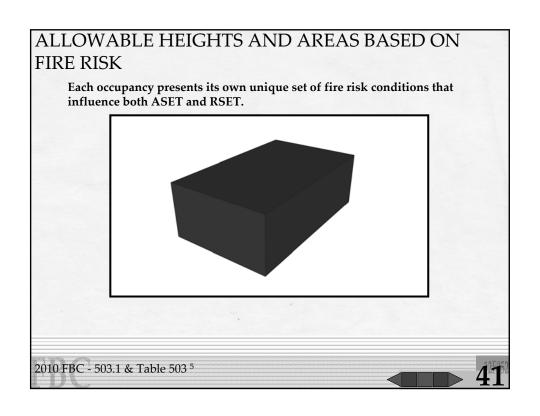


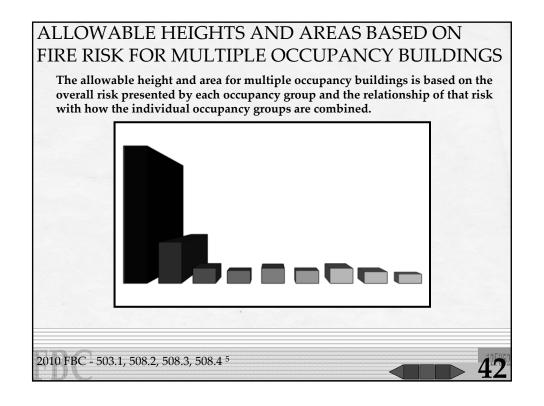












# ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND AREA FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS IN THE FBC

### FIRE RISK NEGATED (Fire Wall Separation)

 INDIVIDUAL OCCUPANCY ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS AND AREAS UNAFFECTED

#### FIRE RISK MAINTAINED (Separated Occupancies)

- INDIVIDUAL OCCUPANCY ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS UNAFFECTED
- COMBINED OCCUPANCY ALLOWABLE AREAS EQUATED TO SINGLE OCCUPANCY FIRE RISK

### FIRE RISK INCREASED (Nonseparated Occupancies)

- TOTAL BUILDING ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS AND AREAS DECREASED
- FIRE PROTECTION INCREASED THROUGHOUT

### FIRE RISK MARGINALLY INCREASED (Accessory Occupancies)

- TOTAL BUILDING ALLOWABLE HEIGHTS AND AREAS MAINTAINED BASED ON MAIN OCCUPANCY
- FIRE PROTECTION INCREASED THROUGHOUT

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Fire walls stop the spread of fire from one building to another. Theoretically, they provide the same protection as provided by a great amount of open space between buildings.

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# FIRE WALLS IN A FIRE EMERGENCY CONDITION

### OCCUPANCY TO OCCUPANCY RELATIONSHIP

The occupancy group exposed to fire does not affect the occupancy group on the non-fire side of the fire wall resulting in that unexposed occupancy group's maintaining:

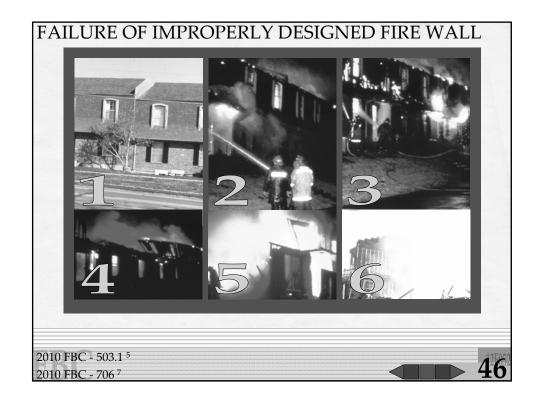
- 1. Unlimited time for egress; and
- 2. Unlimited time for property protection.

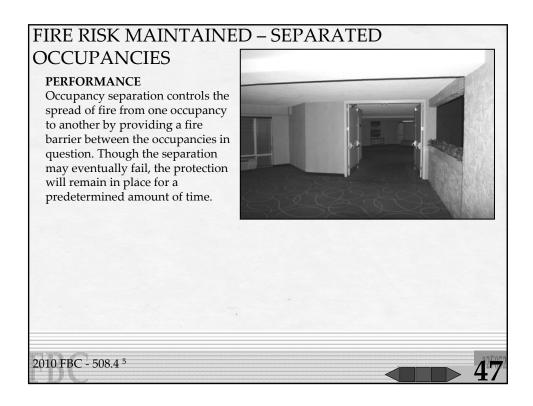
#### AFFECT ON ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND AREA

The allowable height and area of each occupancy group is based on its respective allowable height and area because a fire emergency in either one of the occupancy groups does not affect any of the other occupancy groups.

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# SEPARATED OCCUPANCIES IN A FIRE EMERGENCY CONDITION

### OCCUPANCY TO OCCUPANCY RELATIONSHIP

If a fire emergency occurs in one of the occupancies, the fire-resistance–rated separation between occupancies provides the non-fire side with:

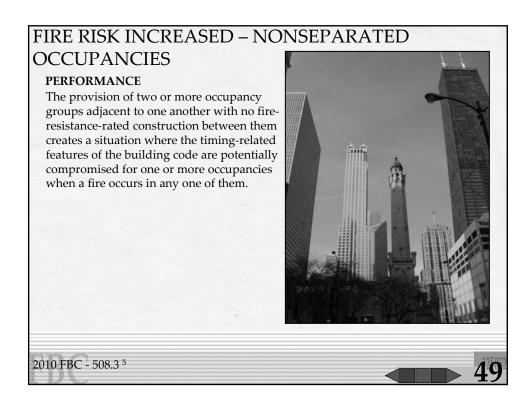
- 1. Additional time for egress; and
- 2. Additional time for property protection.

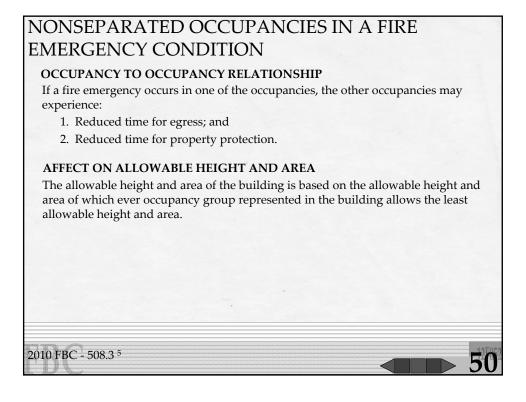
### AFFECT ON ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND AREA

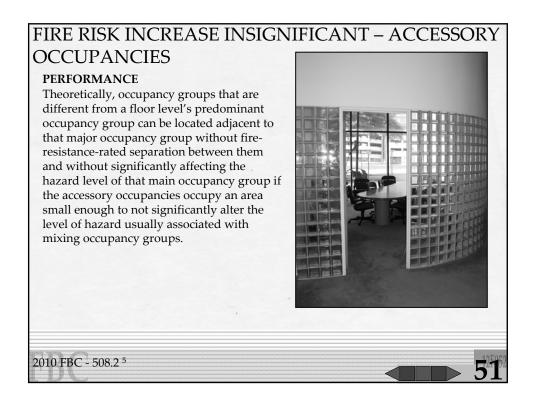
The allowable height of each occupancy is unchanged because of the extra time provided by the occupancy separation for the non-fire side occupancy.

The allowable area of each occupancy is based on the cumulative ratios of each occupancy's actual area divided by each occupancies allowable area with the sum of the ratios limited to one (1). When the sum of the ratios equals one (1), the total hazard will not exceed the hazard of any of the individual occupancies when they are individually constructed to their maximum allowable areas.

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# ACCESSORY OCCUPANCIES IN A FIRE EMERGENCY CONDITION

#### OCCUPANCY TO OCCUPANCY RELATIONSHIP

If a fire emergency occurs in one of the occupancies, the other occupancies are not likely to experience:

- 1. Significantly reduced time for egress; nor
- 2. Experience significantly reduced time for property protection.

#### AFFECT ON ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND AREA

The allowable height and area of the building is based on the allowable height and area of the main occupancy of the building, while ninety (90) percent of each floor level must be of that main occupancy.

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### **EXERCISE**

# WHAT IS THE LARGEST EACH OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUPANCIES COULD BE IN THE GIVEN SITUATIONS BELOW?

- Group B, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction sharing 25% of its exterior wall with Group A-3, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction with a fire wall between them and no open perimeter.
- Group B, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction constructed at 75% of its allowable area if standing alone mixed with a Group A-3, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction with occupancy separation between them and no open perimeter.
- Group B, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction mixed with a Group A-3, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction with no occupancy separation between them and no open perimeter.
- Group B, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction with Group A-3, Multi-storied, Sprinklered of Type II Construction occupying 10% of each of the first three floors with no occupancy separation between them and no open perimeter.

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