

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

2009 - 2012 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE

- **CHAPTER 3 COMPLIANCE METHODS.** Moved from Chapter 1 to create a new Chapter 3 referencing the three compliance methods, Prescriptive, Work Area and Performance. All this does is make it easier to find and read.
- **402.5 Smoke alarms in existing portions of a building.** When Group R and Group I-1 occupancies create new additions; smoke alarms are also required in the existing portions of the building.
- **403.6 Smoke alarms.** Individual sleeping units and individual dwelling units in Group R and Group I – 1 shall be provided with smoke alarms.
- **410.4 Change of occupancy.** An exception was added that includes the 50% rule for type B dwellings
- **804.2.2 Groups A, B, E, F-1, H, I, M, R-1, R-4, S-1 and S-2.** An exception has been added to sub-paragraph 2 that include a smoke detection system that activates the fire alarm system monitored by an off-site licensed facility.
- **1012.5.1.1 Fire Wall Alternative.** Paragraph added to provide flexibility allowing for properly rated assemblies to create separate buildings to address height and area limitation.
- **1401.6.2.1 Allowable Area Formula.** Formula used to calculate area increases & reductions is changed to correspond with Chapter 5 in the International Building Code.
- **1401.6.14.1 Categories.** Revisions made to address buildings placed into a range from no elevators to buildings with elevators complying with new construction. This would be based on controls provided or lack of elevators, where the appropriate category will be determined.