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## Request for Statewide Code Modification

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**Code:** International Fire Code **Edition:** 2018 **Section:** 1016.2

**Check One:**  Delete and substitute the following  Delete without substitution  Add the following  Modify the following  
 Type or print proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary. Underline new language. ~~Line through Deleted Language.~~

~~Section: 1014.2. Egress through intervening spaces.~~

~~Modification: The section was deleted and replaced with substitute language.~~

~~The section now states: Means of egress shall consist of continuous and unobstructed paths of travel to the exterior of a building. Means of egress shall not be permitted through kitchens, closets, restrooms and similar areas nor through adjacent tenant spaces.~~

~~Exception: Means of egress shall be permitted through a kitchen area serving adjoining rooms constituting part of the same dwelling unit or guest room.~~

~~When unusually hazardous conditions exist, the building official may require additional means of egress to assure the safety of the occupants.~~

**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 3006.2, 3007 or 3008 of the International Building Code. 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.
2. Egress from a room or space shall not pass through adjoining rooms or areas, except where such adjoining room or areas and the area served are accessory to one or the other, are not a group H occupancy and provide a discernible path of egress travel to an exit.  
  
**Exception:** Means of egress are not prohibited to adjoin or intervene rooms or spaces in Group H, S or F occupancy where the adjoining or intervening rooms or spaces are the same or lesser hazard occupancy group.
3. An exit access shall not pass through a room that can be locked to prevent egress.
4. Means of egress from dwelling units or sleeping areas shall not lead through other sleeping areas, toilet rooms or bathrooms.
5. Egress shall not pass through kitchens, storage rooms, closets or spaces used for similar purposes.

**Exceptions:**  
1. Means of egress are not prohibited through a kitchen area serving adjoining rooms constituting part of the same dwelling unit or sleeping unit.

2. Means of egress are not prohibited through stockrooms in Group M occupancies where all of the following are met:

2.1. The stock is of the same hazard classification as that found in the main retail area.

2.2. Not more than 50 percent of the exit access is through the stockroom.

2.3. The stockroom is not subject to locking from the egress side.

2.4. There is a demarcated, minimum 44-inch-wide (1118 mm) aisle defined by full or partial-height fixed walls or similar construction that will maintain the required width and lead directly from the retail area to an exit without obstructions.

**Reason:**  Unusually Restrictive  Impractical  Threat to Human Injury or Life Safety  
Type or print the reason for the proposed modification. Use additional pages if necessary.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to remove the previous modification and return to the base language of the proposed 2018 code. The modification was a carryover from a previous code cycle on or around 7/01/2001 and the basis for the modification has been addressed through the current edition of the International codes. Modifications have been submitted for the both the IBC and IFC to help ensure consistency between the documents.