



Committee Input No. 4501-NFPA 5000-2015 [Global Input]

Throughout Chapter 19 and Annex A.19's, change the terms "fire plan" and "fire safety plan" to "emergency action plan".

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Response Message:



Committee Input No. 4506-NFPA 5000-2015 [Section No. 19.2.2.1]

19.2.2.1 General.

19.2.2.1.1

Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in [19.2.2.2](#) through [19.2.2.10](#).

19.2.2.1.2

Where bathtubs, bathtub-shower combinations, or showers are configured for and used by patients, grab bars shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of 11.1.6.5.

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Response

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Committee Input No. 4510-NFPA 5000-2015 [Sections 19.2.3.2, 19.2.3.3]

Sections 19.2.3.2, 19.2.3.3

19.2.3.2*

Aisles, corridors, and ramps required for exit access in a hospital or nursing home shall be not less than 8 ft (2440 mm) in clear and unobstructed width, unless otherwise permitted by one of the following:

- (1) * Aisles, corridors, and ramps in adjunct areas not intended for the housing, treatment, or use of inpatients shall be not less than 44 in. (1120 mm) in clear and unobstructed width.
- (2) * Noncontinuous projections not more than 6 in. (150 mm) from the corridor wall, positioned not less than 38 in. (965 mm) above the floor, shall be permitted.
- (3) * Exit access within a room or suite of rooms complying with the requirements of [19.2.5](#) shall be permitted.
- (4) Projections into the required width shall be permitted for wheeled equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - (5) The wheeled equipment does not reduce the clear unobstructed corridor width to less than 60 in. (1525 mm).
 - (6) The health care occupancy fire safety plan and training program address the relocation of the wheeled equipment during a fire or similar emergency.
 - (7) * The wheeled equipment is limited to the following:
 - (8) Equipment in use and carts in use
 - (9) Medical emergency equipment not in use
 - (10) Patient lift and transport equipment
- (11)* Where the corridor width is at least 8 ft (2440 mm), projections into the required width shall be permitted for fixed furniture, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - (12) The fixed furniture is securely attached to the floor or to the wall.
 - (13) The fixed furniture does not reduce the clear unobstructed corridor width to less than 6 ft (1830 mm), except as permitted by [19.2.3.2](#) (2).
 - (14) The fixed furniture is located only on one side of the corridor.
 - (15) The fixed furniture is grouped such that each grouping does not exceed an area of 50 ft² (4.6 m²).
 - (16) The fixed furniture groupings addressed in [19.2.3.2](#) (5)(d) are separated from each other by a distance of at least 10 ft (3050 mm).
 - (17)* The fixed furniture is located so as to not obstruct access to building service and fire protection equipment.
 - (18) Corridors throughout the smoke compartment are protected by an electrically supervised automatic smoke detection system in accordance with [18.3.4](#), or the fixed furniture spaces are arranged and located to allow direct supervision by the facility staff from a nurses' station or similar space.
- (19)* Cross-corridor door openings in corridors with a required minimum width of 8 ft (2440 mm) shall have a clear width of not less than 6 ft 11 in. (2110 mm) for pairs of doors or a clear width of not less than 41 ½ in. (1055 mm) for a single door.
- (20) Nursing home corridors shall be permitted to be not less than 6 ft (1830 mm) wide in smoke compartments housing not more than 30 patients.

(21) Cross-corridor door openings in corridors with a required minimum width of 6 ft (1830 mm) shall have a clear width of not less than 64 in. (1625 mm) for pairs of doors or a clear width of not less than 32 in. (810 mm) for a single door.

(22)

Self-retracting seats fixed to the wall shall be permitted provided all of the following are met

(a) exposed wood used in the self-retracting seat has a minimum Class C interior finish rating

(b) the self-retracting seat components meet the requirements for Class I when tested in accordance with NFPA 260.

(c) the self-retracting seats are normally in the retracted position and project not more than 4 in. (100 mm) from the wall.

(d) the self-retracting seats automatically return to their normally retracted position at which time the seat projection into the means of egress complies with NFPA 5000, 11.3.2.2 and does not interfere with the means of egress.

19.2.3.3

Aisles, corridors, and ramps required for exit access in a limited care facility or hospital for psychiatric care shall be not less than 6 ft (1830 mm) in clear and unobstructed width, unless otherwise permitted by one of the following:

- (1) * Aisles, corridors, and ramps in adjunct areas not intended for the housing, treatment, or use of inpatients shall be not less than 44 in. (1120 mm) in clear and unobstructed width.
- (2) * Noncontinuous projections not more than 6 in. (150 mm) from the corridor wall, positioned not less than 38 in. (965 mm) above the floor, shall be permitted.
- (3) * Exit access within a room or suite of rooms complying with the requirements of 18.2.5 shall be permitted.
- (4) Projections into the required width shall be permitted for wheeled equipment, provided that all of the following conditions are met:
 - (5) The wheeled equipment does not reduce the clear unobstructed corridor width to less than 60 in. (1525 mm).
 - (6) The health care occupancy fire safety plan and training program address the relocation of the wheeled equipment during a fire or similar emergency.
 - (7) * The wheeled equipment is limited to the following:
 - (8) Equipment in use and carts in use
 - (9) Medical emergency equipment not in use
 - (10) Patient lift and transport equipment
- (11)* Cross-corridor door openings in corridors with a required minimum width of 6 ft (1830 mm) shall have a clear width of not less than 64 in. (1625 mm) for pairs of doors or a clear width of not less than 41 ½ in. (1055 mm) for a single door.
- (12)
 - (a) Self-retracting seats fixed to the wall shall be permitted provided all of the following are met:
 - (a) exposed wood used in the self-retracting seat has a minimum Class C interior finish rating
 - (b) the self-retracting seat components meet the requirements for Class I when tested in accordance with NFPA 260.
 - (c) the self-retracting seats are normally in the retracted position and project not more than 4 in. (100 mm) from the wall.
 - (d) the self-retracting seats automatically return to their normally retracted position at which time the seat projection into the means of egress complies with 11.3.2.2 and does not interfere with the means of egress.

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Response Message:



Committee Input No. 4517-NFPA 5000-2015 [New Section after 19.3.4.5.3]

19.3.4.6 Integrated Fire Protection Systems.

Integrated fire protection systems shall be tested in accordance with 55.1.4.

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Response Message:



Committee Input No. 4519-NFPA 5000-2015 [Section No. 20.2.1]

20.2.1 General.

20.2.1.1

Every aisle, passageway, corridor, exit discharge, exit location, and access shall be in accordance with Chapter 11, unless otherwise modified by 20.2.2 through 20.2.11.

20.2.1.2

Where bathtubs, bathtub-shower combinations, or showers are configured for and used by patients, grab bars shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of 11.1.6.5.

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Response Message:



Committee Input No. 4523-NFPA 5000-2015 [New Section after 20.3.4.4]

20.3.4.5 Integrated Fire Protection Systems.

Integrated fire protection systems shall be tested in accordance with 55.1.4.

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Committee Input No. 4525-NFPA 5000-2015 [Section No. A.19.3.6.1(3)]

A.19.3.6.1(3)

A typical nurses' station would normally contain one or more of the following, with associated furniture and furnishings:

- (1) Charting area
- (2) Clerical area
- (3) Nourishment station
- (4) Storage of small amounts of medications, medical equipment and supplies, clerical supplies, and linens
- (5) Patient monitoring and communication equipment

It is the intent that the nurses' station be actively attended; otherwise, smoke detection should be provided.

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Response Message: