

**CHAPTER 7
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION**

**SECTION 708.1
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708.1 General. Wall assemblies installed as required by Section 310.3, Section 402.7.2 and Section 1004.3.2.1 shall comply with this section. These include:

1. Walls separating dwelling units.
2. Walls separating guestrooms in occupancies in Group R-1.
3. Walls separating tenant spaces in covered mall buildings.
4. Corridor walls.



Q: A mixed occupancy building contains the following occupancies: Group R-1 Hotel, Group M, and Group B. The building is designed in compliance with Section 302.3.2 Nonseparated Uses. Is a fire partition required between a Group R-1 guest room and the adjacent Group M or Group B occupancy?

A: No. A fire partition is only required to separate the individual guest rooms within the Group R-1 occupancy. Neither fire partitions nor fire barriers are required to separate the guest rooms from the other occupancy classifications within the building because the building is designed in compliance with the requirements of Section 302.3.2 Nonseparated Uses where separation of occupancies (fire barrier, see Section 706.3.5) is not required.
