

CHANGE TYPE: Addition

CHANGE SUMMARY: Elevators in high-rise buildings are now permitted to be used for occupant self-evacuation where in compliance with the conditions established in Section 3008.

2009 CODE: 403.6.2 Occupant Evacuation Elevators. Where installed in accordance with Section 3008, passenger elevators for general public use shall be permitted to be used for occupant self-evacuation.

CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE: The use of elevators as an evacuation element for occupants of a high-rise building is now possible provided that the elevators are in compliance with the new requirements established in Section 3008. The controls and safeguards provided in Section 3008 create a suitable environment to allow complying elevators to be used for occupant self-evacuation purposes. The presence of such elevators does not reduce the general means-of-egress requirements established in Chapter 10; however, the additional exit stairway mandated for high-rise buildings by Section 403.5.2 is no longer required. It is important to note that the installation of occupant evacuation elevators in high-rise buildings is not mandated by the code; however, such elevators are permitted to be used for occupant self-evacuation and may be used as an alternative to the additional stairway requirement.

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High-rise Buildings— Occupant Evacuation Elevators



Occupant evacuation elevators