



2015 Residential Code Question Of The Week

Emergency escape and rescue openings are not required for bedrooms in basements when the dwelling unit is protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

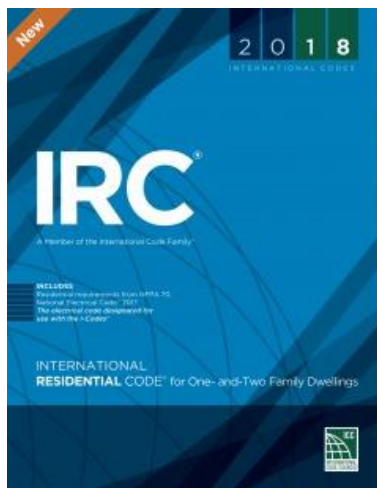
A) TRUE

B) FALSE



But this changes in the 2018 edition of the IRC. Emergency escape and rescue openings are no longer required for bedrooms in basements when:


- **The dwelling unit is protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system and the basement contains either one means of egress complying with Section R311 and one emergency escape and rescue opening or two means of egress complying with Section R311**





2015 Commercial Code Question Of The Week

Type VB construction shall be allowed for combustibile projections in Group R-3 occupancies with a fire separation distance greater than or equal to __ feet.

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 5 
- D) Only Type IV construction shall be allowed for combustibile projections in Group R-3 Occupancies.

705.2.3 Combustible projections. Combustible projections extending to within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the line used to determine the *fire separation distance* shall be of not less than 1-hour *fire-resistance-rated* construction, Type IV construction, *fire-retardant-treated wood* or as required by Section 1406.3.

Exception: Type VB construction shall be allowed for combustibile projections in Group R-3 and U occupancies with a fire separation distance greater than or equal to 5 feet (1524 mm).





2015 Permit Technician Question Of The Week

Accessory structures to a detached two-family dwelling that exceeds ___ square feet in floor area shall be constructed according to the International Building Code.

- A) 200
- B) 1500
- C) 3000
- D) None of the above



[A] 101.2 Scope. The provisions of this code shall apply to the construction, *alteration*, relocation, enlargement, replacement, *repair*, equipment, use and occupancy, location, maintenance, removal and demolition of every building or structure or any appurtenances connected or attached to such buildings or structures.

Exception: Detached one- and two-family *dwellings* and multiple single-family *dwellings (townhouses)* not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height with a separate *means of egress*, and their accessory structures not more than three *stories above grade plane* in height, shall comply with the *International Residential Code*.

No square footage limit exist in the 2015 IBC. Code only specifies more than three stories above grade plane shall be built per the IRC, otherwise they are built according to the IRC.

