



## California State Fire Marshal CODE INTERPRETATION

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Topic	Separation Requirements in Table 3 C		
Code Section(s)	CBC 302.4		
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**Section 302.4 2001 Pt 2 Title 24 (CBC) states that "For required separation of specific uses in Group I, Division 1 hospitals and nursing homes, see Table 3-C. See also Section 504.6.1." Most hospitals have a large administrative wing within the hospital building. The administrative area is a "B" Occupancy Classification and is clearly required to be separated from the I 1.1 Occupancy Use by a 2 hr. Occupancy Separation Fire Wall.**

**Does Table 3C apply within the "B" Occupancy portion of a hospital building?**

**For example would a 110 s.f. storage room be required to be separated from the rest of the office space by a 1 hr. Occupancy Separation. Since the reference to Table 3C is not found in Section 308 CBC (I Occupancies) this requirement can be interpreted to include any portion of the "hospital" building including the "B" occupancy portions.**

No. Table 3-C applies to Group I 1.1 portions of the building only. Since the Group B is already separated from the Group I 1.1 by a two hroccupancy separation, Table 3-C does not apply.