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Engineers and Contractors*

Question of the Month

From the “**Quick Code Answers**”
Telephone Support records.

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Q: Do accessibility requirements apply to a commercial building that houses an emergency generator and mechanical equipment. Personnel will enter for maintenance and testing purposes only.

A: In general, the IBC requires all commercial buildings to be accessible. With that said, most of Section 1103 “Where Required” is dedicated to Exceptions. In this case, IBC 1103.2 exempts Utility buildings and Equipment spaces from accessibility requirements.

Quick Code Answers is an annual subscription service that provides Phone & On-site technical support for Building Code questions.

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Code Tip

Excerpt from our
Accessibility Q&A Training Seminar.

Signs identifying all permanent rooms/spaces in a building must have tactile characters (raised letters & Braille). This would include some surprising rooms like the Supply Closet and Electrical Equipment room.

See IBC E107 for details.

Current Events

Senate Bill that **repeals** the PA Construction Code Act!
SB 832 was introduced on May 3, 2007 and immediately referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry. Stay tuned for more information...



Recommended Resources

Quick-Reference Guide To Fire Safety –Published by International Code Council.

This small book pulls all of the fire safety requirements of the 2006 IBC together and groups them by occupancy classification for easy comparison. Fire resistance ratings, separation distances, interior finishes and fire protection systems are all easily applied.

Product Highlight

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Got Questions?

Do you have a code question? Maybe something that has been inspected and passed on one job and failed on the next? Or maybe you are just wondering about the reason for a certain code.

Submit your code question to Questions@ApprovedCode.com. Be sure to include a daytime telephone number in case we need more information.

We will respond to your question by e-mail or phone as soon as possible.

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