

FIR-2.07 - Firtex Interior Finish in Existing Buildings

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*Administrative Rule Adopted by Bureau of Fire & Rescue Pursuant to Rule-Making Authority
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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for dealing with firtex interior finishes in existing buildings.

SCOPE:

This policy applies within all areas in which the Portland Bureau of Fire, Rescue and Emergency services has fire prevention authority.

REFERENCES:

The Uniform Building Code, Chapter 42.

PROCEDURES:

A. If you discover or suspect that firtex or similar flammable building materials. Have been used as an interior finish in an existing building, direct the owner or agent to produce documentation of suitability.

This can be based upon a test of a sample, or manufacturer's specifications. It should be noted that firtex and mineral tile are very similar in appearance.

B. If the flame spread exceeds the limit for the specific area and occupancy, the owner or agent should be given the following options:

1) Remove the material And glue spots, or,

2) Submit a plan of improvement that will provide an equivalent degree of safety, for the approval of the Fire Marshal.

C. All work is to be done under benefit of a building permit.

HISTORY

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