

## Chapter Ind 50

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**Note:** Chapter Ind 50 as it existed on December 31, 1976, was repealed and a new chapter Ind 50 was created effective January 1, 1977.

### PART I—PURPOSE and SCOPE

**Ind 50.01 Purpose of code.** The purpose of this code is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and employes by establishing minimum standards for the design, construction, structural strength, quality of materials, adequate egress facilities, sanitary facilities, natural lighting, heating and ventilating, energy conservation, and fire safety for all public buildings and places of employment.

**Note 1:** The purpose as stated can be traced to the terms used in the "safe place" statutes, ch. 101, Stats.

**Note 2:** This code is intended for the protection of the public and is not intended as a design manual, a textbook or a construction manual.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

**Ind 50.02 Scope of chapters.** The provisions of chs. Ind 50-64 apply to all public buildings and places of employment. The term "building or structure" as used in these chapters shall mean public building or place of employment. The provisions of these chapters are not retroactive unless specifically stated in the administrative rule. Where different sections of these chapters specify different requirements, the most restric-

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tive requirement shall govern, except as specified in ss. Ind 51.02 (11) (b) 4. and 64.57 (3). The appendix provides explanatory material related to specific requirements.

**Note:** For a definition of "public building" and "place of employment," see ss. Ind 51.01 (102a) and 51.01 (104a) or s. 101.01 (1), Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82.

#### SPECIAL NOTE #1

AN ASTERISK (\*) FOLLOWING THE SECTION OR SUBSECTION NUMBER INDICATES EXPLANATORY MATERIAL ON THAT PARAGRAPH MAY BE FOUND IN APPENDIX A. EXAMPLE: Ind 51.01 (16) \* — SEE A-51.01 (16) IN APPENDIX A.

#### SPECIAL NOTE #2

THE OVERALL ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE IS EQUALLY SHARED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND THE FIRE INSPECTOR. NORMALLY, THE BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING WHILE THE FIRE INSPECTOR HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AFTER THE BUILDING IS COMPLETED. THE ENFORCEMENT OF MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRE INSPECTOR AND COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS SHOULD BE OF PRIMARY CONCERN WHILE CONDUCTING THE FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS MANDATED BY SECTION 101.14, STATS. A GUIDELINE FOR THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN PREPARED. THE LETTERS "FP" MEANING FIRE PREVENTION AND APPEARING IN THE MARGIN ADJACENT TO A RULE INDICATES THE PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RULE IS THAT OF THE FIRE INSPECTOR. FURTHER EXPLANATORY MATERIAL FOR THE INDICATED RULES MAY BE FOUND IN APPENDIX B. EXAMPLE: SEE S. IND 51.20 AND APPENDIX B.

### PART II—APPLICATION of BUILDING CODE

**Ind 50.03 Application.** (1) **NEW BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all new buildings and structures, and also to additions to existing buildings and structures, except those indicated in s. Ind 50.04.

(2) **ALTERATIONS TO BUILDINGS.** The provisions of this code shall apply to all remodeling or alterations in any building or structure which affect the structural strength, fire hazard, exits, natural lighting or replacement of major equipment. These provisions do not apply to minor repairs necessary for the maintenance of any building or structure nor to buildings exempt, as listed in s. Ind 50.04.

(3) **CHANGE OF USE.** (a) If the use of an existing building or structure is changed in accordance with the definition of s. Ind 51.01 (87), and the requirements for the new use are more stringent than those for the previous use, the building or structure shall be made to comply with the requirements for the new use as provided in this code.

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