

Open Joist & TJI Protection

- (1) Section R313.2 (relating to automatic fire sprinkler systems in one-and two-family dwellings) of the International Residential Code (2009 edition), and any successor triennial revisions, is excluded from this act and shall not be a part of Chapter 3.
- (2) A builder of one-family or two-family dwelling subject to the International Residential Code, shall, at or before the time of entering into the purchase contract, do all of the following:
 - (i) Offer the buyer the option to install or equip, at the buyer's expense, an automatic fire sprinkler system in the building or dwelling unit designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of section R313.2.1 (relating to design and installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems) of the International Residential Code (2009 edition).
 - (ii) Provide the buyer with information which explains the initial and ongoing cost of installing and equipping an automatic fire sprinkler system in the building or dwelling unit.
 - (iii) Provide the buyer with information, as made available by the State Fire Commissioner on the agency's website, on the possible benefits of installing an automatic sprinkler system.

FIRE PROTECTION FLOORS

- (1) Except as set forth in Paragraph (2), A floor assembly not required in the International Residential Code, or its successor building code, to be fire resistance rated shall be provided with a ½ inch gypsum wallboard membrane, 5/8 inch wood structural panel membrane, or equivalent, on the underside of the floor framing member.
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any of the following:
 - (i) A floor assembly located directly over a space protected by an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with section P2904, NEPA13D or other equivalent sprinkler system approved by a municipal code official.
 - (ii) A floor assembly located directly over a crawl space not intended for storage or fuel-fired appliances.
 - (iii) A portion of a floor assembly which complies with all of the following:
 - a. The aggregate area of the unprotected portions shall not exceed 80 square feet per story.
 - b. Fire blocking in accordance with section R302.11.1 shall be installed along the perimeter of the unprotected portion to separate the unprotected portion from the remainder of the floor assembly.
 - (iv) A wood floor assembly using dimension lumber or structural composite lumber equal to or greater than two inch by ten inch nominal dimension or a floor assembly approved by a municipal code official demonstration equivalent fire performance.

3. Wall Bracing Requirements – Section R602.10 through Section R602.12.1.6 of the 2009 International Residential Code, or its successor provisions, are excluded from the Uniform Construction Code. The Wall Bracing Requirements of Sections R602.10 through R602.11.3 of the 2006 International Residential Code shall be part of the Uniform Construction Code.

RETROACTIVITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The addition of Section 901(f) of the act shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2010.
2. The addition of Section 901(g) of the act shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2011.

Section 2.5 This act shall take effect AS FOLLOWS:

1. The amendment of Section 107(C)(2) of the act shall take effect **July 1, 2012.**
2. The remainder of this act shall take effect IMMEDIATELY.