

**SECTION 1103  
FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS**

**1103.1 Required construction.**

Existing buildings shall comply with not less than the minimum provisions specified in Table 1103.1 and as further enumerated in Sections 1103.2 through 1103.10.

The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to allow the elimination of *fire protection systems* or a reduction in the level of fire safety provided in buildings constructed in accordance with previously adopted codes.

**Exceptions:**

1. Where a change in fire-resistance rating has been approved in accordance with Section 501.2 or 802.6 of the *Existing Building Code of New York State*.
2. Group U occupancies.

**TABLE 1103.1  
OCCUPANCY AND USE REQUIREMENTS<sup>a</sup> —continued**

SECTION	USE				OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION																		
	High-rise	Atrium or covered mall	Underground building	Tire storage	A	B	E	F	H-1	H-2	H-3	H-4	H-5	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	M	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	S
1103.5.1	—	—	—	—	R <sub>c</sub>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103.5.2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	R	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103.5.3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	R <sub>b</sub>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1103.5.4	—	—	—	—	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

R = The building is required to comply.

- a. Existing buildings shall comply with the sections identified as "Required" (R) based on occupancy classification or use, or both, whichever is applicable.
- b. Only applies to Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancies as established by the adopting ordinance or legislation of the jurisdiction.
- c. Only applies to Group A-2 occupancies where alcoholic beverages are consumed.

### **1103.5 Sprinkler systems.**

An *automatic sprinkler system* shall be provided in existing buildings in accordance with Sections 1103.5.1 through 1103.5.4.

#### **1103.5.1 Group A-2.**

Where alcoholic beverages are consumed in a Group A-2 occupancy having an occupant load of 300 or more, the fire area containing the Group A-2 occupancy shall be equipped with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

#### **1103.5.2 Group I-2.**

In Group I-2, an *automatic sprinkler system* shall be provided in accordance with Section 1105.9.

#### **1103.5.3 Group I-2, Condition 2.**

In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an *approved automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. The *automatic sprinkler system* shall be installed as established by the adopting ordinance. **[DATE BY WHICH SPRINKLER SYSTEM MUST BE INSTALLED].**

#### **1103.5.4 Pyroxylin plastics.**

An *automatic sprinkler system* shall be provided throughout existing buildings where cellulose nitrate film or pyroxylin plastics are manufactured, stored or handled in quantities exceeding 100 pounds (45 kg). Vaults located within buildings for the storage of raw pyroxylin shall be protected with an *approved automatic sprinkler system* capable of discharging 1.66 gallons per minute per square foot (68 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>) over the area of the vault.