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Subject:	Fire block in SFD attic over 20m
Keywords:	Concealed spaces, <i>fire blocking</i>
Building Code Reference(s):	9.10.16.1.(5)(b); 9.10.16.1.(6)

Question:

Does an attic in a single-family house with combustible attic roof require full fire stop partition when the distance is greater than 20 meters?

Interpretation:

Yes.

As described in Clause 9.10.16.1.(5).(b) and Sentence 9.10.16.1.(6) the size of non-sprinklered combustible attic in the single family house with the lumber that the *flame-spread rating* is greater than 25 cannot exceed 300m² and the maximum distance cannot be greater than 20m.



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