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Subject:	Dead End Corridors
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Building Code Reference(s):	3.3.1.3.(11) &(12), 3.3.1.9.(5)

Question:

Does Sentence 3.3.1.9.(5) supersede Sentence 3.3.1.3.(12) for dead end corridors that are less than 6 m in length?

Interpretation:

Yes.

Sentence 3.3.1.3.(11) requires each suite in a floor area that contains more than 1 suite to have an exterior exit doorway, a doorway to a public corridor, or a doorway to an exterior passageway.

Sentence 3.3.1.3.(12) requires the doorway described in Clause 3.3.1.3.(11)(b) to discharge to a public corridor or exterior passageway where it is possible to travel in opposite directions to reach 2 separate exits.

Sentence 3.3.1.3.(12) states “**Except as permitted by this Section**”.

Since Sentence 3.3.1.9.(5) is part of Section 3.3, dead end corridors that are less than 6 m in length need not comply with Sentence 3.3.1.3.(12).



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