



LABELING SMOKE AND FIRE RATED WALLS (2020 MSFC and 2020 MSBC)

Code Reference – MSBC 703.7 – Marking and Identification

703.7 Marking and identification. Where there is an accessible concealed floor, floor-ceiling or *attic* space, *fire walls*, *fire barriers*, *fire partitions*, *smoke barriers* and smoke partitions or any other wall required to have protected openings or penetrations shall be effectively and permanently identified with signs or stenciling in the concealed space. Such identification shall:

1. Be located within 15 feet (4572 mm) of the end of each wall and at intervals not exceeding 30 feet (9144 mm) measured horizontally along the wall or partition.
2. Include lettering not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in height with a minimum 3/8-inch (9.5 mm) stroke in a contrasting color incorporating the suggested wording, “FIRE AND/OR SMOKE BARRIER—PROTECT ALL OPENINGS,” or other wording.

General Requirements

1. The requirements set forth in this policy shall be in effect for new and existing construction.
2. All penetrations through smoke control or fire rated walls shall be sealed with an approved material.

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