

## City of Seattle **Department of Planning & Development**

## 2009 SBC Code Solution

Section 703.6
Marking of rated walls
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The following interpretation, policy or code alternate is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation, policy or code alternate to specific projects may vary.

## Code Issue:

Are markings required on rated walls without concealed spaces?

## Interpretation/Policy/Alternate:

Markings are not required on finished wall surfaces that are exposed to the view of building occupants and where an accessible concealed portion of the wall above a suspended ceiling or below the finished floor surface is not available.

Marking of rated walls is required within electrical, mechanical, communications, housekeeping and storage rooms, unoccupied spaces, and other spaces accessible only to building maintenance and operations personnel.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application
- If you have not submitted an application, contact DPD Building Code Technical Support at 206-684-4630 or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process">http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Permits/Process</a> Overview/Location Hours/default.asp