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**Note:** Chapter Comm 56 is repealed effective July 1, 2002.

#### Subchapter I — General Requirements

**Comm 56.001 Scope.** The requirements of this chapter shall apply to all public and private schools, universities, colleges, academies, seminaries, libraries, museums and art galleries; including all buildings or parts of buildings used primarily for instructional purposes. This chapter does not apply to those types of art galleries where art work is intended for sale, dance studios or schools, nonacademic-music studios or schools, nonacademic-art studios or schools, self-defense schools, or other similar nonacademic training occupancies; such occupancies shall be regulated by the provisions of ch. Comm 54.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; am. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**Comm 56.01 Maximum height. (1)** Buildings occupied primarily by pupils up to and including grade 12 shall not exceed 4 stories or 48 feet in height.

(a) *Exception.* Buildings provided with complete automatic sprinkler or automatic smoke detection systems, occupied primarily by students of grades 9 through 12, shall be no more than 6 stories or 72 feet in height.

**Note:** Also see requirements for classes of construction.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; cr. Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73.

**Comm 56.02 Classes of construction limitations.**

(1) Buildings within the scope of this chapter may not exceed the number of stories and height limits as specified in Table 56.02-1 based upon the type of construction utilized.

(2) Those portions of buildings used as auditoriums, gymnasiums, field houses or assembly halls shall conform with the construction limitations specified in s. Comm 55.02.

**Table 56.02-1**  
**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STORIES**

Class of Construction	Sprinklered <sup>a</sup>		Nonsprinklered	
	Height (in feet)	Number of Stories	Height (in feet)	Number of Stories
Type 1	No limit	No limit	60 <sup>b</sup>	No limit
Type 2	95	9	60 <sup>b</sup>	8
Type 3	85	3	60 <sup>b</sup>	2
Type 4	85	3	60 <sup>b</sup>	2
Type 5A	60	3	50	2
Type 5B	50	3	40	2
Type 6	60	3	50	2
Type 7	50	2	40	1
Type 8	45	2	35	1

<sup>a</sup>An automatic fire sprinkler system designed and installed in accordance with s. Comm 51.23 is provided throughout the entire building.

<sup>b</sup>Section Comm 52.01 requires the installation of sprinklers for buildings more than 60 feet in height.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. (1) and (2) and r. and recr. (3), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 1-1-73; cr. (4), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, May, 1974, No. 221, eff. 6-1-74; am. (4) (a) 1., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; emerg. am. (1) to (3), renum. (4) to (5) and r. and recr. (5) (a) and (b), cr. (4), eff. 9-6-86; am. (1) to (3), renum. (4) to be (5) and r. and recr. (5) (a) and (b), cr. (4), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**Comm 56.03 Protection of basement levels.**

(1) **GENERAL REQUIREMENT.** Buildings with basements shall at such levels be protected with an approved automatic sprinkler system as specified in s. Comm 51.23 or an approved automatic smoke detection system, as specified in s. Comm 51.245, either of which shall be electrically connected to the required fire alarm system.

**Note:** See s. Comm 51.245 for additional requirements pertaining to smoke detectors.

**Note:** See ss. Comm 52.012 (1) and 52.02 for additional requirements pertaining to basements.

(2) **RETROACTIVITY.** Existing buildings which do not conform to the requirements specified in sub. (1) on or after January 1, 1983 shall comply with the following:

(a) The corridors in the basement shall be protected by an approved smoke detection system.

(b) Smoke detection systems shall be installed in accordance with NFPA No. 72; but in no case shall smoke detectors be spaced more than 30 feet apart on center or more than 15 feet from any wall.

**Note:** See s. Comm 51.01 for definitions of "automatic" and "basement."

**History:** Cr. Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; cr. (2), eff. 1-1-83, am. (1), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. (2) (b), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91; correction in (2) (intro.) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 14., Stats., Register, March, 1991, No. 423; am. (2) (b), Register, February, 1999, No. 518, eff. 3-1-99.

**Comm 56.05 Exterior wall openings. (1) ONE-STORY BUILDINGS.** One-story buildings with no floor levels below the first floor need not be provided with exterior wall openings other than required exits.

**(2) MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS.** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), buildings more than one story shall be provided with fire department access openings as specified in s. Comm 52.02 (2).

(b) Fire department access openings are not required provided the building is protected throughout by an automatic fire sprinkler system and that system is connected to the required fire alarm system.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, January, 1961, No. 61, eff. 2-1-61; r. and recr., Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; r. and recr., Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. (2) and renum. (3) to be (2), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; r. and recr. Register, June, 1983, No. 330, eff. 7-1-83.

**Comm 56.06 Exits. (1) TOTAL NUMBER OF EXITS.** The total number of exits from each floor level and each building shall be determined on the basis of total aggregate exit width and distances to exit. Each building and each floor level shall be provided with at least 2 exits.

**(2) TYPE OF EXITS.** At least 2 exits from all floor levels shall lead directly to grade through standard exit doors, stairs, interior enclosed stairs, smokeproof stair towers, fire-rated exit corridors, passageways, or ramps. One-half of the remaining required exits may be horizontal exits or fire escapes. Fire escapes are prohibited as required exits in pre-school, elementary, middle, and high schools. In no case will fire escapes be permitted above the second story.

(a) *Standard exit doors.* Standard exit doors shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of ss. Comm 51.15 and 56.08.

(b) *Stairs.* Stairs shall conform to the requirements of ss. Comm 51.16 to 51.166, except that handrails shall be provided on both sides, and no closets or rooms may be placed under a stairway or landing.

(c) *Interior enclosed stairs and smokeproof stair towers.* Interior enclosed stairs and smokeproof stair towers shall conform with ss. Comm 51.18 and 51.17, respectively.

(d) *Fire-rated exit corridors.* All rated exit corridors required to satisfy limitations on exit distance shall be of not less than one-hour fire-resistive construction, unless the fire-resistive ratings indicated in Table 51.03-A for required exit corridor enclosures are more restrictive.

(e) *Exit ramps.* The minimum width of exit ramps shall be determined in accordance with the requirements of s. Comm 56.07. The minimum width shall be not less than 3 feet 8 inches. Exit ramps, other than those required for the physically disabled, shall have a slope not exceeding 1:8. Ramp slopes exceeding 1:12 shall be provided with handrails. Ramps shall be provided with a slip-resistant finish. Ramps shall be provided from areas noted under sub. (3) (c) involving a change of elevation between floor levels or platforms not exceeding 3 feet.

(f) *Fire escapes.* Fire escapes shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of s. Comm 51.20.

(g) *Horizontal exits.* Horizontal exits shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of s. Comm 51.19 and shall be of at least 4-hour rated construction.

**(3) LOCATION OF EXITS.** (a) *Exit distance.* 1. Travel distance to an exterior exit door, a required fire-resistive rated exit corridor, interior enclosed stairs, smokeproof stair tower, horizontal exit, or fire escape, from any point in a building accessible to the public, shall not exceed 150 feet.

2. Where an approved automatic fire sprinkler system is provided throughout the building, an increase in exit distance to 200 feet will be permitted.

3. Building service areas, including pipe chases and tunnels, catwalks, ducts or similar spaces not accessible to the public, shall not exceed 300 feet from an exit.

(b) *Distribution of exits.* All exits shall be distributed to provide the best possible means of egress. The exits shall be located so that in case any exit is blocked at any point some other exit is accessible through public passageways at all times. Locked security gates and doors shall not be placed so as to block required exit passageways or create dead-end corridors.

(c) *Auditorium, gymnasium and field house exits.* This rule shall apply only to auditoriums, gymnasiums and field houses which have a capacity exceeding 600 persons. One-half of the required exits shall discharge directly to a street, alley or open court connected with a street, unless a 2-hour rated exit corridor is provided, wide enough to accommodate one-half of the occupants, which extends from the interior wall of the auditorium, gymnasium or field house to an exterior exit. The remaining required exits shall discharge directly to the exterior or to a public passageway which permits 2 directions of travel to the exits at the exterior of the building. The exiting shall be direct and unobstructed.

**(4) CLASSROOM EXITS.** (a) *Scope.* This subsection shall apply only to rooms for formal instruction of students with direct teacher supervision. This subsection does not apply to other parts of schools or places of instruction, including but not limited to, cafeterias, instructional media centers, gymnasiums, industrial arts shops, laboratories, or locker rooms.

(b) *Exits serving 50 persons or less.* At least one exit shall be provided from all rooms serving a capacity of 50 persons or less. The exit shall discharge directly to the exterior of the building or to a public passageway which permits 2 directions of travel to the exterior.

(c) *Exits serving 51-100 persons.* At least 2 exits shall be provided from all rooms serving a capacity of 51-100 persons. One exit shall discharge directly to the exterior of the building or to a public passageway which permits 2 directions of travel to the exterior. One exit may discharge through an adjacent room provided a clear passageway is maintained from the connecting door to a required exit serving the adjacent room.

(d) *Exits serving more than 100 persons.* At least 2 exits shall be provided from all rooms serving a capacity of more than 100 persons. The exits shall discharge directly to grade or to a public passageway which permits 2 directions of travel to the exterior.

**(5) WIDTH OF EXITS.** The total required exit width shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of s. Comm 56.07.

**(6) EXIT LIGHTS.** All required exits indicated in s. Comm 56.06 (2), and exits from areas serving a capacity of more than 100 persons, shall be identified by an approved exit light. Directional exit lights shall be provided to direct occupants to an exit. Exit lights and directional exit lights shall be as specified in s. Comm 51.15 (5).

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1), cr. (1) (a), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59; am. Register, January, 1961, No. 61, eff. 2-1-61; r. and recr. (1) (a), renum. (2) to be (3), (3) to be (4), (4) to be (5), (5) to be (6) and (6) to be (7), and cr. (2) and (8), Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; r. and recr., Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; am. (1) (a) 2., Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75, r. and recr. Register, December, 1975, No. 240, eff. 1-1-76; am. (2), intro.

and cr. (2) (g), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (6), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; emerg. am. (3) (a), eff. 9-6-86; am. (3) (a), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; am. (2) (b) and (c), Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91; am. (2) (b), renum. (4) (a) to (c) to be (4) (b) to (d), cr. (4) (a), Register, January, 1994, No. 457, eff. 2-1-94.

**Comm 56.07 Required exit width.** (1) The total required exit width from a building level shall be in accordance with the requirements of ss. Comm 51.15 (6) and 51.16 (3).

(2) The capacity of educational buildings or any individual story or section thereof for the purpose of determining exits shall be the maximum capacity designated on approved plans.

(a) The maximum capacity shall not exceed the requirements of par. (b).

(b) The maximum capacities of all rooms and spaces as listed below shall be determined on the basis of the minimum net square feet area per person shown for that occupancy unless otherwise designated on the plans.

	Minimum Square Feet Per Occupant
1. Academic classrooms — Regular . . . . .	20
2. Administrative and office space . . . . .	75
3. Arts, crafts, drafting . . . . .	30
4. Bleachers (one seat per 18 inches of bench length)	
5. Gymnasiums, field houses, auditoriums, theatres, lecture rooms (fixed seating) . . . . .	6
6. Gymnasiums, field houses, multipurpose rooms, cafeterias, study halls, commons and other level floor areas with nonfixed individual seating . . . . .	10
7. Home economics, business education . . . . .	30
8. Industrial arts—vocational shop . . . . .	50
9. Laboratories—Science (fixed lab. tables) . . . . .	30
10. Libraries and resource centers . . . . .	20
11. Museums and art galleries . . . . .	40
12. Music	
a. Vocal . . . . .	10
b. Instrumental . . . . .	20
13. Special education	
a. Mentally retarded, physically handicapped, etc. . . . .	35

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr. (3), Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. (1), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 1-1-73; r. and recr., Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. and recr. (1), r. (2), (3) and (4), renum. (5) to be (2), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

**Comm 56.08 Exit doors.** (1) STANDARD EXIT DOORS. Exit doors shall comply with the requirements of s. Comm 51.15. The aggregate width of exit doors shall be as required in s. Comm 56.07. No single door or leaf of a double door shall be more than 42 inches wide.

(2) CLASSROOM EXIT DOOR WIDTH AND SWING. (a) *Classroom doors serving 50 persons or less.* Classroom doors serving classrooms with a capacity of 50 persons or less shall be not less than 3 feet 0 inches in width. The doors may swing into the classroom.

(b) *Classroom doors serving more than 50 persons.* Classroom doors serving classrooms with a capacity of more than 50 persons shall be standard exit doors and shall swing outward toward the means of egress.

(3) ALL OTHER EXIT DOORS. Doors serving areas other than classrooms shall comply with s. Comm 54.06.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, December, 1975, No. 240, eff. 1-1-76; am. (2) and cr. (3), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (1) and (2) (b), r. (2) (c), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80.

**Comm 56.09 Passageways.** (1) The minimum unobstructed width of corridors and passageways which are used by the public or by the occupants generally, shall be determined in the same manner as specified for stairways in s. Comm 56.07, but in no case shall this width be less than 4 feet. Corridors and passageways serving as a means of egress shall be at least equal in combined width to the required width of the stairways or passageways leading to them.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. (1) and renum. (2) to be (1), Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71.

**Comm 56.10 Enclosure of stairways and shafts.** All stairways and shafts shall be enclosed in accordance with s. Comm 51.02 (11).

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**Comm 56.13 Assembly seating.** All assembly seating in auditoriums, gymnasiums, field houses and other large group occupancy areas shall comply with the requirements of subch. V of ch. Comm 62, Assembly Seating Facilities. Where any area of a building in this category has a stage loft in excess of 25 feet 0 inches in height above the stage floor and is equipped with permanent or movable scenery, it shall comply with ss. Comm 55.21 through 55.30.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr., Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; r. and recr., Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82.

**Comm 56.14 Seats, desks and aisles.** (1) Seats, desks, tables and other loose equipment need not be fastened to the floor or to each other provided that any seating arrangement use, will maintain during occupancy, free and unobstructed intermediate, cross and wall aisles leading to the exit.

(a) Stepped floors or tiered platforms shall be no less than 48 inches in width to permit the above arrangement.

(b) Seats, desks, tables and other loose equipment used in instructional occupancies shall be of a durable type of construction to assure safety and stability.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr., Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71.

**Comm 56.145 Occupancy separations and hazard enclosures.** Occupancies within the scope of this chapter shall be separated from other occupancies or uses in accordance with s. Comm 51.08. Hazards shall be enclosed in accordance with s. Comm 51.08.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91; r. and recr., Register, December, 1995, No. 480, eff. 4-1-96; r. and recr. Register, March, 1997, No. 495, eff. 4-1-97.

**Comm 56.16 Sanitary facilities.** (1) TOILET ROOMS. Separate toilet rooms for each sex shall be provided for all occupancies included under the scope of this chapter. The toilet rooms shall be completely enclosed and arranged to ensure privacy.

(2) SEX DESIGNATION. Where separate toilet rooms are required by this code, each toilet room shall be clearly marked for which it is designated as specified in s. Comm 52.52.

(3) SANITARY FIXTURES. (a) The number of sanitary fixtures shall be determined by the number of persons of each group or combination of groups using Table 56.16. The number of persons in each group shall be designated on the plans.

(b) When fixtures required for a designated group are not available to another designated group, the number of fixtures shall be provided according to the ratio indicated in Table 56.16 and independent of the number or ratio of fixtures provided for another group.

(c) Where a theater is a part of an educational facility the requirements for the number of fixtures to be provided shall be determined as specified in Table 56.16 for large group areas.

TABLE 56.16  
NUMBER OF PERSONS BY GROUP FOR EACH TYPE OF SANITARY FIXTURE FOR OCCUPANTS<sup>1</sup>

Type of Fixture	Number of Persons per Fixture by Designated Group <sup>2</sup>				
	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12	Post High School	Large Group Area	Administrative Area
Water Closets (WC) (F)	35	50	100	200	10
Water Closets (WC) (M)	75	100	200	300	15
Urinals (U) (M) <sup>3</sup>	35	50	100	150	40
Lavatories (L) <sup>4</sup>	75	100	100	150	15
Drinking Fountains (DF)	40	50	50	150	100

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this table, please refer to the appropriate occupancy chapter. Where a single toilet room designated as UNISEX is provided, it shall be considered as accommodating no more than 10 employees and 25 occupants.

<sup>2</sup> Example: For grades K-6, one (WC) for each 35 (F), one (WC) for each 75 (M) and one (U) for each 35 (M) need to be provided.

<sup>3</sup> Section Comm 52.60 (2) (b) allows only stall-type urinals in schools for grades K-8.

<sup>4</sup> A minimum of one (L) and one (WC) shall be provided in each toilet room.

**Note:** For structures with additions or alterations, the required number of sanitary fixtures shall be the sum of the fixtures required for the existing portion at the time it was constructed plus the fixtures required by this table for the new addition or altered area. At such time as the summation of the addition and alteration area is equal to or greater than 51% of the building area calculated as specified in s. Comm 50.03 (4) (d), fixtures shall be provided in conformance to this table utilizing the capacity of the entire building.

**Note:** See chapter Comm 69 for the percentage and design of accessible drinking facilities.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (2), (3), (4) and (4) (a), Register, September, 1959, No. 45, eff. 10-1-59, r. and recr. (4), intro. par., Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; r. and recr. Register, May 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; am. (1) (intro.), r. and recr. (1) (a), cr. (1) (b), Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; renum. (1) to be (2) and cr. (1), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1), renum. (2) to be (3) and am., cr. (2), table, Register, August, 1993, No. 452, eff. 3-1-94.

**Comm 56.17 Lighting. (1) ELECTRIC LIGHTING.** Every class, study or recitation room shall be equipped with sufficient electrical lighting units to maintain the illumination required in ch. Comm 73.

**(2) GENERAL.** All other rooms and spaces in school buildings shall be equipped with means for supplying electric illumination in the quantity required for the purpose for which the room or space is used. All electrical work shall be installed to conform to the requirements of the Wisconsin state electrical code, vol. 2, ch. Comm 16.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, January, 1961, No. 61, eff. 2-1-61; cr. (3), Register, November, 1963, No. 95, eff. 12-1-63; am. (3) (c), Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 7-1-71; r. and recr. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71; correction in (1) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register, December, 1995, No. 480.

**Comm 56.19 Fire alarms.** Every building shall be provided with a proper alarm system complying with s. Comm 51.24.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, May, 1971, No. 185, eff. 6-1-71.

**Comm 56.20 Fire protection systems. (1) SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.** Automatic fire sprinkler systems shall be provided as outlined in ss. Comm 52.01, 52.011, 52.012 and 52.013.

**(2) STANDPIPE SYSTEMS. (a) Fire department standpipes.** Fire department standpipes shall be provided in all buildings exceeding 60 feet in height.

**(b) Dry standpipes.** Dry standpipes shall be provided in all buildings 3 stories or more in height, unless an approved automatic sprinkler system is installed.

**(3) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and maintained as specified in s. Comm 51.22.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; emerg. r. and recr. (2), eff. 9-6-86; r. and recr. (2), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91.

**Comm 56.21 Public school inspections. History:** Cr. Register, October, 1992, No. 442, eff. 11-1-92; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

## Subchapter II — Relocatable Classrooms

**Comm 56.30 Scope.** This part provides the minimum requirements for the design and construction of relocatable classrooms as defined in s. Comm 56.31.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.31 Definitions.** "Relocatable classrooms" mean mobile home type structures located on permanent foundations and equipped and used for educational instruction.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.32 General.** Relocatable classrooms shall comply with the applicable sections of this code except as otherwise specified in this part.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.33 Anchoring requirements.** Provisions acceptable to the department for the prevention of overturning of the relocatable classroom as a result of wind pressure shall be made.

**Note:** The department accepts provisions such as ground anchors installed in accordance with ANSI standard A 119.1.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.34 Exit doors and exit lights. (1) EXIT DOORS.** Exit doors shall be at least 3 feet 0 inches in width.

**(2) EXIT LIGHTS.** Illuminated exit lights are not required in relocatable classrooms.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.35 Class of construction separations.** Relocatable classrooms connected to another building shall be separated by class of construction separations as specified in s. Comm 51.02 (20).

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84.

**Comm 56.36 Barrier-free requirements.** An accessible entrance, interior circulation, and toilet facilities for people with disabilities need not be provided for a relocatable classroom if the courses taught in the relocatable classroom are available in accessible facilities at the same school site.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. Register, January, 1994, No. 457, eff. 2-1-94.

**Comm 56.37 Sanitary facilities. (1) SANITARY FIXTURES.** The number of sanitary fixtures for relocatable classrooms shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of ss. Comm 52.50 through 52.64 and 56.16.

**(a) Exception.** Sanitary fixtures need not be provided in each relocatable classroom structure if the sanitary fixtures in the main school building are convenient and available for use during all



hours of operation and the relocatable classroom structure is connected to the main school building with an enclosed passageway.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am., Register, August, 1993, No. 452, eff. 3-1-94.

**Comm 56.38 Fire alarms.** Relocatable classroom structures containing more than 2 classrooms or connected to another building shall be provided with a fire alarm system as specified in s. Comm 51.24.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

### Subchapter III — Mobile Training Units

**Comm 56.40 Scope.** This part provides the minimum requirements for mobile training units as defined in s. Comm 56.41.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.41 Definitions.** “Mobile training units” mean trailer type units constructed and left on wheels. Mobile training units are used for education purposes at one site for a period of time no greater than 9 weeks per year.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.42 General.** Mobile training units shall comply with the applicable sections of this code except as otherwise specified in this part.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.43 Exit doors and exit lights. (1) EXIT DOORS.** Exit doors shall be at least 3 feet 0 inches wide.

**(2) EXIT LIGHTS.** Illuminated exit lights are not required for mobile training units.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.44 Barrier-free requirements.** An accessible entrance, interior circulation, and toilet facilities for people with disabilities need not be provided for mobile training units if the courses taught in the mobile training units are available in accessible facilities at the same school site.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. Register, January, 1994, No. 457, eff. 2-1-94.

**Comm 56.45 Sanitary facilities. (1) TOILET ROOMS. (a)** Toilet rooms within the mobile training unit shall comply with the requirements of ss. Comm 52.50 through 52.64 and 56.16.

**(b)** Toilet rooms in the mobile training unit in which the toilet room door is equipped with a privacy lock, the requirements specified in s. Comm 52.59 are not applicable.

**(2) SANITARY FIXTURES.** Sanitary fixtures are not required in the mobile training unit provided the sanitary fixtures in the main school building are available for use during all hours of operation.

**(3) ACCESSIBILITY.** Toilet facilities accessible for the physically disabled need not be provided if accessible toilet facilities in

the main school building are provided and available for use during all hours of operation.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. and recr., Register, August, 1993, No. 452, eff. 3-1-94.

**Comm 56.46 Fire alarms.** Mobile training units used individually are exempt from the provisions of s. Comm 56.19.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

**Comm 56.50 Scope. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.51 Purpose. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.52 Definitions. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.53 Schools constructed prior to 1930. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.54 Schools constructed between January 1, 1930, and January 1, 1950. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.56 Extension of time for compliance. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.57 Failure to comply. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.58 Life-safety evaluation procedures. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.59 Plan of school. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.60 Plans and specifications. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.61 Approval of alternate life-safety plan. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; am. (1) (a) 1., Register, February, 1999, No. 518, eff. 3-1-99; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.62 Re-evaluation. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.63 Life-safety standards. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; am. (2) (b) 3., Register, March, 1991, No. 423, eff. 4-1-91; am. (2) (b) 2., Register, January, 1994, No. 457, eff. 2-1-94; am. (9) (b) 2., Register, February, 1999, No. 518, eff. 3-1-99; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.64 Stairway smoke-enclosure. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; am. (3) (a), Register, February, 1999, No. 518, eff. 3-1-99; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.65 Stairway smoke cut-offs. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; am. (3) (a), Register, February, 1999, No. 518, eff. 3-1-99; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.

**Comm 56.66 Horizontal separations. History:** Cr. Register, April, 1990, No. 412, eff. 5-1-90; r. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 10-1-00.