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## GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

### 19-03 Change in Occupancy - NAG Requirements

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When a building undergoes a change of occupancy, complying with Title 156 (NAG) is circumstantial. Accessibility is required for new construction or when an alteration to an existing building is made that would affect the usability to that specific area of modification. The definition of alteration as per NAG:

*A change to a building or facility that affects or could affect the usability of the building or facility or portion thereof. Alterations include, but are not limited to, remodeling, renovation, rehabilitation, reconstruction, historic restoration, resurfacing of circulation paths or vehicular ways, changes or rearrangement of the structural parts or elements, and changes or rearrangement in the plan configuration of walls and full-height partitions. Normal maintenance, reroofing, painting or wallpapering, or changes to mechanical and electrical systems are not alterations unless they affect the usability of the building or facility.*

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Local Building Codes should always be followed if the requirements for accessibility are more stringent.

RE: Title 156 (NAG) 4.1.6

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