

# Common building plan review questions answered by CCLD staff

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**Q:**

**Are all the routes to accessible building entrances required to have a maximum 1:20 slope?**

**A:**

**No.** A walk with a maximum slope of 1:20 is required from (1) accessible parking to the accessible entrance and (2) accessible route between buildings on the same site. All other accessible entrances, not served by accessible parking are allowed to have a maximum 1:12 ramp as an element of their accessible route.

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**Q:**

**Does CCLD Building Plan Review have jurisdiction on charter schools?**

**A:**

**No.** Charter schools do not fall under the definition of “public building” in Minn. Statutes 326B.103 Subd. 11, as they are not a “school district building project” and therefore are not under CCLD jurisdiction

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**Q:**

**Is a smoke/fire damper required at the top of a shaft where it terminates at the floor of a penthouse?**

**A:**

**No.** Assuming that the penthouse complies with the requirements of IBC Sec. 1509.2 for size, height and use, then it is a just another area of the roof, despite being enclosed.

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