

# International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (WUI)

## Accessory structures

**Accessory structures** less than 200 sq. ft. that are exempt from permit requirements are still required to meet the exterior wall provisions (below) if less than 50 ft. from adjacent structures.

## Exterior wall coverings

**Exterior walls and projections other than decks.** Other than decks, exterior walls and projections of buildings, structures, and accessory structures attached to buildings or structures with habitable spaces, shall be constructed with materials extending from the top of the foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing with one of the following methods:

1. Materials approved for not less than one hour fire-resistance rated construction on the exterior side;
2. Approved noncombustible materials;
3. Heavy timber or log wall construction;
4. Fire-retardant-treated wood on the exterior side. The fire-retardant-treated wood shall be labeled for exterior use and meet the requirements of Section 2303.2 of the International Building Code; or
5. Ignition-resistant materials, complying with WUI Section 503.2 on the exterior side.

**Noncombustible.** "As applied to building construction materials" means a material that, in the form in which it is used, is either one of the following:

1. Material of which no part will ignite and burn when subjected to fire. Any material conforming to ASTM E136 shall be considered noncombustible within the meaning of this section; or
2. Material having a structural base of noncombustible material as defined in item 1 above, with a surfacing material not over 1/8 inch (3.2 mm) thick, which has a flame spread index of 50 or less. Flame spread index as used herein refers to a flame spread index obtained according to tests conducted as specified in ASTM E84 or UL 723.

**503.2 Ignition resistant building materials.** Materials that have been tested by an agency. The manufacturer of those materials will have the testing reports.

### References:

International Code Council ICC - [International Code Council - ICC \(iccsafe.org\)](http://www.iccsafe.org)

State Building Code Council, see for effective date - [About SBCC | SBCC \(wa.gov\)](http://www.sbccc.org)



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