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INTERPRETATION GUIDE – SAF-C 6008.05 (c) & (d) NIGHTCLUBS

The intent of these sections applies to those public accommodations, which provide entertainment by a live band or recorded music generating above normal sound levels, and may also be characterized by any of the following:

1. Has as its primary source of revenue, in general, the sale of beverages of any kind for consumption on the premises and/or cover charges. Food, if served, is considered a secondary attraction.
2. Low level lighting, defined as any lighting arrangement which is considerably less than that required by NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*®, including those arrangements where the only lighting provided for occupants is that which is used to illuminate the stage, band or entertainment.
3. Festival Seating Arrangements defined by NFPA as a form of audience/spectator accommodation in which no seating, other than a floor or ground surface, is provided for the audience/spectators gathered to observe a performance.

By positive example this may include bars, dance halls, nightclubs, discotheques and/or cocktail lounges, where the above specific characteristics are present. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may make the determination of qualification for inclusion in the interpretation of this guide. For those other occupancies, which may occasionally be used as bars, dance halls, nightclubs, discotheques, cocktail lounges, and/or assembly uses with festival seating, the AHJ may consider other alternative fire protection measures. This is not intended to include any event within a place of public accommodation, which is, in its nature, distinctly private. (Such as wedding parties, anniversary parties, reunions, etc).

It should be noted that this does not supercede any other local or state requirement governing the requirement for automatic sprinklers.