



## MINIMUM SEPARATION DISTANCE BETWEEN STRUCTURES

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In order to maintain the safety of structures in proximity to other property and exposed to the communication of fire from another structure, the following minimum separation distances apply:

### COMBUSTIBLE (Type 4 and 5):

#### One-Story:

The minimum distance between single story structures with or without windows or wall penetrations shall be 15 (fifteen) feet, measured linearly from the closest point of each structure including eaves, soffits, porches, decorative trim and attached utility structures.

#### Two-Story to Four-Story:

The minimum distance between multiple story structures with or without windows or wall penetrations shall be 25 (twenty-five) feet, measured linearly from the closest point of each structure including eaves, soffits, porches or balconies, decorative trim and attached utility structures.

### NON-COMBUSTIBLE AND FIRE RESISTIVE (Type 1, 2 and 3):

The minimum distance between single story structures with or without windows or wall penetrations shall be 10 (ten) feet, measured linearly from the closest point of each structure including eaves, soffits, porches, decorative trim and attached utility structures.

#### Two-Story to Four-Story:

The minimum distance between multiple story structures with or without windows or wall penetrations shall be 15 (fifteen) feet, measured linearly from the closest point of each structure including eaves, soffits, porches or balconies, decorative trim and attached utility structures.

Additional reductions may apply if the building(s) are provided with a fire suppression (sprinkler) system or fire-rated wall and penetration assemblies approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

All structures shall be subject to the height and fire area restrictions as required under most current state adopted edition of IBC Building and Mechanical codes and **NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and NFPA 1, Fire Code.**