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## **Construction Rated Partition Policy**

- FORMS:** Construction Rated Partition Permit
- PURPOSE:** To assure rated partitions are repaired in a timely manner and maintain patient safety
- POLICY:** Penetration of a fire/smoke wall or ceiling permit must be filled out prior to the penetration of any rated partition.
- RESPONSIBILITY:** The contractor is responsible to get permit and repair penetrations and the project manager should enforce policy.

### **PROCESS:**

The permit procedure as follows:

The contractor requesting the permit shall notify the owner through the General Contractor they are working for. The contractor requesting the penetration in the rated partition will be required to fill out the proper form and obtain all signatures required for permit approval. A copy of the permit must be posted at the rated wall/ceiling where the penetration(s) will occur. Permit will remain posted until work is completed and inspected. The owner will keep a copy until the expiration dates.

Contractors will be responsible to notify the owner when they are ready for inspection. Penetrations in rated partitions should be sealed prior to the end of the current shift and under no circumstance should the penetration of the rated partition last more than 24 hours. Permits will not be allowed to remain open for more than a week. The owner will inspect penetrations as requested and close out permits. At this time, the contractor will be allowed to finish ceiling work. All sealed penetrations should be U.L. approved. Furthermore, the penetration(s) and sealant should be approved by the owner and the local authorities prior to installation. At completion of work the owner will review the penetration to confirm proper compliance.

A pre-construction meeting is to be held to discuss routing of any work to be done outside the construction area. The contractor should prepare a drawing showing the routing of work outside construction area and get approval before starting any work outside designated construction area.

Any penetrations found not complying with the above requirements, will be repaired by the owner immediately. The costs of these repairs will be charged to the general contractors overseeing the work plus a penalty of \$250 per penetration which will be passed onto the responsible party. This applies to work being done outside construction area without approval, expired permit or a non valid permit.