

Fire doors to bathrooms

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Question

Is a fire door required to a bathroom within a three storey dwelling, where the bathroom can be accessed from both the stairwell and an adjoining bedroom?

Considerations

- Approved Document B (England and Wales) requires all doors on to a protected stairway to be fire doors, however, it is generally accepted that a bathroom/cloakroom poses a low fire risk and therefore the door need not be a fire door.
- A fire door should be provided between a bedroom and the protected stairway.

Answer

A fire door is required between a bedroom and a protected stairway.

Where there is an intervening bathroom between the bedroom and protected stairway a fire door should be provided either between the bedroom and bathroom (sketch 1) or between the bathroom and protected stairway (sketch 2). In each case, the second door can be a non-fire rated door.

The partition in which the fire door is hung should form part of the protected enclosure and meet the required fire resistance.

