

Chapter 3 – Renovation and Alteration

3.9 Accessibility, Health and Safety Considerations

- .1 Review proposed new uses for existing historic buildings to determine if related building code and accessibility requirements are feasible without compromising the historic character of the building and the site.
- .2 Meet health and safety code and accessibility requirements in ways that do not diminish the historic character, features, materials, and details of the building.
- .3 Locate fire exits, stairs, landings, and decks on rear or inconspicuous side elevations Where they will not be visible from the street.
- .4 It is not appropriate to introduce new fire doors if they would diminish the original design of the building or damage historic materials and features. Keep new fire doors as compatible as possible with existing doors in proportion, location, size, and detail.
- .5 When introducing reversible features to assist people with disabilities, take care that the original design of the porch or the entrance is not diminished and historic materials or features are not damaged.
- .6 If possible, comply with accessibility requirements through portable or temporary rather than permanent ramps.