

**1205.2.1 Adjoining spaces.** For the purpose of natural lighting, any room is permitted to be considered as a portion of an adjoining room where one-half of the area of the common wall is open and unobstructed and provides an opening of not less than one-tenth of the floor area of the interior room or 25 square feet (2.32 m<sup>2</sup>), whichever is greater.

**Exception:** Openings required for natural light shall be permitted to open into a *thermally isolated* sunroom addition or patio cover where the common wall provides a glazed area of not less than one-tenth of the floor area of the interior room or 20 square feet (1.86 m<sup>2</sup>), whichever is greater.

**1205.2.2 Exterior openings.** Exterior openings required by Section 1205.2 for natural light shall open directly onto a *public way, yard or court*, as set forth in Section 1206.

**Exceptions:**

1. Required exterior openings are permitted to open into a roofed porch where the porch:
  - 1.1. Abuts a *public way, yard or court*;
  - 1.2. Has a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm); and
  - 1.3. Has a longer side at least 65 percent open and unobstructed.
2. Skylights are not required to open directly onto a *public way, yard or court*.

**1205.3 Artificial light.** Artificial light shall be provided that is adequate to provide an average illumination of 10 foot-candles (107 lux) over the area of the room at a height of 30 inches (762 mm) above the floor level.

**1205.4 Stairway illumination.** *Stairways* within *dwelling units* and *exterior stairways* serving a *dwelling unit* shall have an illumination level on tread runs of not less than 1 foot-candle (11 lux). *Stairs* in other occupancies shall be governed by Chapter 10.

**1205.4.1 Controls.** The control for activation of the required *stairway* lighting shall be in accordance with *The Electricity Wiring Regulations 2007, Revision 1*, dated January, 2009, as promulgated by the Regulation and Supervision Bureau, Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

**1205.5 Emergency egress lighting.** The *means of egress* shall be illuminated in accordance with Section 1006.1.

## **SECTION 1206 YARDS OR COURTS**

**1206.1 General.** This section shall apply to *yards* and *courts* adjacent to exterior openings that provide natural light or ventilation. Such *yards* and *courts* shall be on the same property as the building.

**1206.2 Yards.** *Yards* shall not be less than 3 feet (914 mm) in width for buildings two *stories* or less above *grade plane*. For buildings more than two *stories above grade plane*, the minimum width of the *yard* shall be increased at the rate of 1 foot (305 mm) for each additional *story*. For buildings exceeding 14 *stories above grade plane*, the required width of