

than 3 feet (914 mm) between counter fronts and appliances or counter fronts and walls.

**1208.2 Minimum ceiling heights.** Occupiable spaces, *habitable spaces* and *corridors* shall have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet 6 inches (2286 mm). Bathrooms, toilet rooms, kitchens, storage rooms and laundry rooms shall be permitted to have a ceiling height of not less than 7 feet (2134 mm).

**Exceptions:**

1. In one- and two-family *dwelling*s, beams or girders spaced not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) on center and projecting not more than 6 inches (152 mm) below the required ceiling height.
2. If any room in a building has a sloped ceiling, the prescribed ceiling height for the room is required in one-half the area thereof. Any portion of the room measuring less than 5 feet (1524 mm) from the finished floor to the ceiling shall not be included in any computation of the minimum area thereof.
3. *Mezzanines* constructed in accordance with Section 505.1.

**1208.2.1 Furred ceiling.** Any room with a furred ceiling shall be required to have the minimum ceiling height in two-thirds of the area thereof, but in no case shall the height of the furred ceiling be less than 7 feet (2134 mm).

**1208.3 Room area.** Every *dwelling unit* shall have at least one room that shall have not less than 120 square feet (13.9 m<sup>2</sup>) of *net floor area*. Other habitable rooms shall have a *net floor area* of not less than 70 square feet (6.5 m<sup>2</sup>).

**Exception:** Every kitchen in a single family *dwelling* shall have not less than 129.2 square feet (12 m<sup>2</sup>) of *gross floor area*. Kitchens in multiple family *dwelling*s shall have not less than 50 square feet (4.64 m<sup>2</sup>) of *gross floor area*.

**1208.4 Efficiency dwelling units.** An efficiency living unit shall conform to the requirements of the code except as modified herein:

1. The unit shall have a living room of not less than 220 square feet (20.4 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area. An additional 100 square feet (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area shall be provided for each occupant of such unit in excess of two.
2. The unit shall be provided with a separate closet.
3. The unit shall be provided with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a clear working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in front. Light and ventilation conforming to this code shall be provided.
4. The unit shall be provided with a separate bathroom containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower.

## **SECTION 1209 ACCESS TO UNOCCUPIED SPACES**

**1209.1 Crawl spaces.** Crawl spaces shall be provided with a minimum of one access opening not less than 18 inches by 24 inches (457 mm by 610 mm).