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## FORMAL INTERPRETATION 99-10

**DOCUMENT:** 2007 / 2002 / 1997 Kentucky Building Code (KBC)

**SUBJECT:** Combustible elements in non-combustible construction  
Section 603.1 – 2007 & 2002 KBC  
Section 602.4.1 – 1997 KBC

**QUESTION:** Does wood blocking, nailers and furring strips that are installed in Type 1 and 2 constructions have to be fire retardant treated?

**ANSWER:** No.

**COMMENTARY:** Wood blocking can be “wood strips or sections”, normally of a small size; and, installed horizontally between steel studs to provide anchorage for the attachment of fixtures such as grab bars, handrails, sinks, urinals, frame support for openings and similar wall mounted items. This blocking is normally used to obtain more stability and strength than is usually found in steel stud construction.

  
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