

2018 CT State Building Code Amendments to the 2015 IBC (2015 IRC Section R.117.0 refers you to 2015 IBC Section 118)

(Add) SECTION 118 – VACANT BUILDINGS

(Add) **118.1 General.** Temporarily unoccupied *buildings*, structures, premises or portions thereof, including tenant spaces, shall be safeguarded and maintained in accordance with this section.

(Add) **118.1.1 Abandoned premises.** *Buildings*, structures and premises for which an *owner* cannot be identified or located by dispatch of a certificate of mailing to the last known or registered address, which persistently or repeatedly become unprotected or unsecured; which have been occupied by unauthorized persons or for illegal purposes; or which present a danger of structural collapse or fire spread to adjacent properties shall be considered abandoned, declared unsafe and abated or demolished in accordance with this code.

(Add) **118.2 Safeguarding vacant premises.** Temporarily unoccupied *buildings*, structures, premises or portions thereof shall be secured and protected in accordance with this section.

(Add) **118.2.1 Security.** Exterior openings and interior openings accessible to other tenants or unauthorized persons shall be boarded, locked, blocked or otherwise protected to prevent entry by unauthorized individuals.

(Add) **118.2.2 Fire protection.** Fire alarm, sprinkler and standpipe systems shall be maintained in an operable condition at all times.

Exceptions:

1. When the premises have been cleared of all combustible materials and debris and, in the opinion of the code official, the type of construction, *fire separation distance* and security of the premises do not create a fire hazard.
2. Where *buildings* will not be heated and *fire protection systems* will be exposed to freezing temperatures, fire alarm and sprinkler systems may be placed out of service and standpipes may be maintained as dry systems (without an automatic water supply) provided the *building* has no contents or storage, and windows, doors and other openings are secured to prohibit entry by unauthorized persons.

(Add) **118.2.3 Fire separation.** Fire-resistance-rated partitions, *fire barriers* and *fire walls* separating vacant tenant spaces from the remainder of the *building* shall be maintained.

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(Add) **118.3 Removal of combustibles.** Persons owning, or in charge or control of, a vacant *building* or portion thereof, shall remove all accumulations of combustible materials and flammable or combustible waste or rubbish from such space. The premises shall be maintained clear of waste or *hazardous materials*.

Exceptions:

1. *Buildings* or portions of *buildings* undergoing *additions, alterations, repairs* or *change of occupancy* under a valid *permit* in accordance with this code.
2. Seasonally occupied *buildings*.

(Add) **118.4 Removal of hazardous materials.** Persons owning, or in charge or control of, a vacant *building* or portion thereof, shall remove all accumulations of *hazardous materials* as defined by this code.