

RENTING BUILDINGS

1. GENERAL

- 1.01 This practice outlines the conditions to be considered when renting buildings for exchange or other quarters by the Telephone Company.

2. FIRE EXPOSURES - EXTERIOR

It is desirable that exposure, of the building under consideration, be as light as possible. In general if combustible adjacent buildings are at least 40' distant the exposure is sufficiently limited.

3. BUILDING OCCUPANCY

It is desirable that buildings occupied for telephone purposes be not shared by other tenants whose business or housekeeping habits create a fire hazard. Extra hazardous occupancies of adjacent buildings should be avoided if possible.

4. CHARACTER AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING

The following items should be considered from a fire hazard standpoint:

HEATING PLANT: Is it safe, with combustible ceilings and walls at the boiler or furnace adequately protected? Is boiler room cut off from balance of the building with fireproof door and walls?

ELECTRIC WIRING: Is the wiring in good condition. Does it comply with the National Electric Code and local ordinances?

ATTIC AND BASEMENT SPACE: Are they clean with no accumulations of rubbish or combustible material?

PROTECTED EXPOSURES: Are doors and windows which create an exterior exposure to fire from other buildings protected by standard Underwriters steel shutters and fire doors?

STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Are there any considerable quantities of gasoline, oils, paints, films, or explosives of any nature stored near the building under consideration?