

**Buildings Department**

**Practice Note for Authorized Persons  
and Registered Structural Engineers**

**257**

**Amendment to Code of Practice  
for Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire 1996  
(MOE Code)**

Paragraph 14.5(e) of MOE Code stipulates that a vision panel is required in a room, other than a toilet, from which the only exit route is through another room.

2. To provide greater flexibility in design, the requirement for a vision panel may be substituted by alternative provisions, such as a fire alarm system audible in the room, which may serve to alert persons in the inner room of any danger from fire or smoke.

3. For avoidance of doubt, paragraph 14(5) does not apply to habitable room with means of escape through living/dinning room or kitchen in domestic flats.



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