

*Open-air storey* means a *storey* in which at least 25% of the total area of its perimeter walls is open to the outdoors in a manner that will provide cross-ventilation to the entire *storey*.

*Owner* means any person, firm or corporation controlling the property under consideration.

*Partition* means an interior wall 1 *storey* or part-*storey* in height that is not *loadbearing*.

*Party wall* means a wall jointly owned and jointly used by 2 parties under easement agreement or by right in law, and erected at or upon a line separating 2 parcels of land each of which is, or is capable of being, a separate real-estate entity.

*Perched groundwater* means a free standing body of water in the ground extending to a limited depth.

*Pile* means a slender *deep foundation unit* made of materials such as wood, steel or concrete or a combination thereof, that is either premanufactured and placed by driving, jacking, jetting or screwing, or cast-in-place in a hole formed by driving, excavating or boring. (Cast-in-place bored *piles* are often referred to as *caissons* in Canada.)

*Plenum* means a chamber forming part of an air duct system.

*Plumbing system* means a drainage system, a venting system and a water system or parts thereof.

*Post-disaster building* means a *building* that is essential to the provision of services in the event of a disaster, and includes

- hospitals, emergency treatment facilities and blood banks,
- telephone exchanges,
- power generating stations and electrical substations,
- control centres for air, land and marine transportation,
- public water treatment and storage facilities, and pumping stations,
- sewage treatment facilities and *buildings* having critical national defence functions, and
- *buildings* of the following types, unless exempted from this designation by the authority having jurisdiction:
  - emergency response facilities,
  - fire, rescue and police stations and housing for vehicles, aircraft or boats used for such purposes, and
  - communications facilities, including radio and television stations.

(See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)

*Private sewage disposal system* means a privately owned plant for the treatment and disposal of sewage (such as a septic tank with an absorption field).

*Process plant* means an *industrial occupancy* where materials, including *flammable liquids*, *combustible liquids*, or gases, are produced or used in a process. (See Table 3.2.7.1. of Division B of the NFC.)

*Protected floor space* means that part of a *floor area* protected from the effects of fire and used as part of a *means of egress* from an *interconnected floor space*.

*Public corridor* means a corridor that provides *access to exit* from more than one *suite*. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)

*Public way* means a sidewalk, *street*, highway, square or other open space to which the public has access, as of right or by invitation, expressed or implied.

*Repair garage* means a *building* or part thereof where facilities are provided for the repair or servicing of motor vehicles.

*Residential occupancy* means the *occupancy* or use of a *building* or part thereof by persons for whom sleeping accommodation is provided but who are not harboured for the purpose of receiving *care* or *treatment* and are not involuntarily detained.

*Return duct* means a duct for conveying air from a space being heated, ventilated or air-conditioned back to the heating, ventilating or air-conditioning *appliance*.

*Rim joist* means the outermost member in floor framing, other than blocking, be it parallel, perpendicular or on an angle to the floor joists. (See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1).)