

## **3.2 Health and Safety Code Requirements**

As a part of the new use, it is often necessary to make modifications to a historic building so that it can comply with current health, safety and code requirements. Such work needs to be carefully planned and undertaken so that it does not result in a loss of character-defining spaces, features, and finishes.

<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Not Recommended</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Identifying the historic building's character-defining spaces, features, and finishes so that code-required work will not result in their damage or loss.</li><li>✓ Working with local code officials to investigate alternative life safety measures or variances available under some codes so that alterations and additions to historic buildings can be avoided.</li><li>✓ Upgrading historic stairways and elevators to meet health and safety codes in a manner that assures their preservation,<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ i.e., so that they are not damaged or obscured.</li></ul></li><li>✓ Installing sensitively designed fire suppression systems, such as a sprinkler system.</li><li>✓ Adding a new stairway or elevator to meet health and safety codes in a manner that preserves adjacent character-defining features.</li><li>✓ Placing a code-required stairway or elevator that cannot be located within the historic building in a new exterior addition. Such an addition should be located at the rear of a building or on an inconspicuous side; and its size and scale limited in relationship to the historic building.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Altering, damaging, or destroying character-defining spaces, features, and finishes while making modifications to a building or site to comply with safety codes.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Making changes to historic buildings without first seeking alternatives to code requirements.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Installing permanent ramps that damage or diminish character defining features.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reinforcing a historic building using measures that damage or destroy character-defining structural or other features.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Covering character-defining wood features with fire-resistant sheathing which results in altering their visual appearance.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Using fire-retardant coatings if they damage or obscure character defining features.</li></ul>