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Q: Regarding corridor projections, what is the requirement and how is IDPH reviewing this issue?

A: The NFPA requirement states:

**SECTIONS 18.2.3.4(2) AND 19.2.3.4(2)—CORRIDOR PROJECTIONS**

This provision requires noncontinuous projections to be no more than 6 inches from the corridor wall. In addition to following the requirements of the LSC, healthcare facilities must comply with the requirements of the ADA, including the requirements for protruding objects. The 2010 Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards) generally limit the protrusion of wall-mounted objects into corridors to no more than 4 inches from the wall when the object's leading edge is located more than 27 inches, but not more than 80 inches, above the floor. See Sections 204.1 and 307 of the 2010 Standards, available at [http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/Guidance2010ADAstandards.htm](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/Guidance2010ADAstandards.htm) (“2010 Standards”). This requirement protects persons who are blind or have low vision from being injured by bumping into a protruding object that they cannot detect with a cane.

IDPH responded to a request for additional clarification as such:

With respect to the 4” ADA projection requirement, IDPH will enforce that limit for new construction or facility renovation. If the projection is an existing condition, it would not be cited. Please keep in mind, if an existing corridor wall projection is greater than 4” and does not comply with the ADA requirement, an individual (resident, visitor, etc.) may file a complaint with the justice department. The Illinois Attorney General’s office would conduct an investigation and if found not in compliance, may require correction of the existing condition. This scenario is not common, but the possibility exists. I would not be too concerned about existing conditions, only new.