

National Electric Code Provisions (1999 and 2002 NEC Editions) Prohibiting Abandoned Cable from Remaining in Certain Building Plenums, Risers and Raceways

The following are general references to the sites in the National Electric Code (NEC) that either define "abandoned cable" or specifically prohibit allowing certain kinds of abandoned cable from remaining in certain plenums, risers or raceways when not in use:

1. General Rule for Cable Under 600 Volts - 300.22 (B) and (C) (Chapter 3, Article 300) See also 300.17.
2. General Rule for Cable Over 600 Volts - 300.35 (Chapter 3, Article 300) See also 300.37, .39, and .40.
3. Rule for Audio Speaker Wires—640.2 (Chapter 6, Article 640) See also 640.25
4. Rule for Information Technology—645. 5 (D) (6) (Chapter 6, Article 645)
5. Rules for Power-Limited Circuits—725.2; 725.3 (B); and 725.61 (A). (Chapter 7, Article 725)
6. Rules for Fire Alarm Systems—760.30 (B) (1), (2), and (3) and 760.31 (C) (D) and (E). (Chapter 7, Article 760).
7. Rules for Optical Fiber Cables—770.2 and 770.53 (A) and (B). (Chapter 7, Article 770).
8. Rules for Communications Circuits - 800.2; 800.51(C) and (D), 800.52 (B) and (C); and 800.53 (A) and (B) (1). (Chapter 8, Article 800).
9. Rules for Radio, Television or Satellite - no provision other than 300.22 (B) and (C). (Chapter 8, Article 810).
- 10 Rules for Coaxial Cable (CATV) - 820.2; 820.51(C) and 820.53 (A) and (B) (1). (Chapter 8, Article 820).
11. Rules for Network-Powered Broadband - 830.2; 830.3 (A) and (B); 830.54 (A); 830.55 (B) and (C)(1;) and 830.58 (A) (1) (c) and (d) and (C). (Chapter 8, Article 830).