

Peer Review

Review of: "Can we ensure Fire safety in Buildings that don't require NOC from the Fire Department?"

Meera Shirolkar¹

1. Architecture, Dr.Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture For Women, Pune, India

The commentary effectively highlights concerns regarding fire hazards in residential buildings that do not require a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the fire department. The discussion on the current scenario is well-articulated and provides valuable insights.

However, it would be beneficial to include an analysis of the **common causes of fire in low-rise residential buildings**. While fires may originate from sources such as **short circuits**, their escalation is often influenced by the presence of **flammable materials** like **furniture, cushions, upholstery, and other combustible household items**. Identifying these materials can help establish a pattern of fire spread, enabling homeowners to take preventive measures.

A self-certification checklist for property owners, focusing on potential fire hazards, could be a useful addition. This would promote **fire safety awareness and risk mitigation**, even in buildings not mandated to obtain a fire NOC.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.