

DuPont™ Abandoned Cable Services

ABANDONED CABLE REMOVAL

Many local jurisdictions have an electric code based on the National Electrical Code® (NEC). Beginning with the 2002 Edition the NEC requires the removal of abandoned cable in several articles. Below is the NEC language pertaining to removal of abandoned cable by Article.

Abandoned Cable Removal Language in the National Electrical Code® 2002

- **640.3 (A) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned audio distribution cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **725.3 (B) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned Class 2, Class 3, and PLTC cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **760.3 (A) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned fire alarm cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **770.3 (A) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned optical fiber cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **800.52 (B) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned communications cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **820.3 Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned coaxial cables shall not be permitted to remain.
- **830 (A) Spread of Fire or Products of Combustion.** The accessible portion of abandoned network-powered broadband communication cables shall not be permitted to remain.



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Definitions of Abandoned Cable in the National Electrical Code® 2002

- **Section 640.2** defines abandoned audio distribution cable as “installed audio distribution cable that is not terminated at equipment and not identified for future use with a tag.”
- **Section 725.2** defined abandoned Class 2, Class 3, and PLTC Cable as “installed Class 2, Class 3, and PLTC cable that is not terminated at equipment and not identified for future use with a tag.”
- **Section 760.2** defined abandoned fire alarm cable as “installed fire alarm cable that is not terminated at equipment other than a connector and not identified for future use with a tag.”
- **Section 770.2** defines abandoned optical fiber cable as “installed optical fiber cable that is not terminated at equipment other than a connector and not identified for future use with a tag.”
- **Section 800.2** defines abandoned communication cable as “installed communications cable that is not terminated at both ends at a connector other other equipment and not identified for future use with a tag.”
- **Section 820.2** defines abandoned coaxial cable as “installed coaxial cable that is not terminated at equipment other than a coaxial connector and not identified for a future use with a tag.”
- **Section 830.2** defines abandoned network-powered broadband communications cable as “installed network-powered broadband communications cable that is not terminated at equipment other than a connector and not identified for future use with a tag.”

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