Related Code Sections: 509, 708

Central warm-air furnaces installed in an attic must be accessible for routine inspection and maintenance by the owner/occupant and for service and repair as needed. Changing filters, lubricating motor and fan bearings, checking belt tension, and relighting the pilot following a service interruption are normal owner functions. Adequate light, an electrical outlet, safe access way and sufficient working space on the control side all encourage and facilitate maintenance and also enable rapid egress in an emergency.