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TITLE: Accessible Location for Fire Sprinkler Floor Control Valves

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SECTION: 2016 Edition of NFPA 13 Section 8.16.1.1: CONTROL VALVES, §8.16.1.1.1

PURPOSE: To define an acceptable location regarding accessibility for fire sprinkler floor control valves

QUESTION: What is considered an accessible location for fire sprinkler floor control valves?

ANSWER: Floor control valves shall be installed between 4'6" and 10'-0" above the finished floor with no obstruction and capable of safely being reached by personnel using a 6 foot ladder. A permanent ladder shall be provided at the location of the valve for Fire Department personnel use if a portable 6 foot ladder cannot be used safely.

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