

Knox County Code Administration & Inspection

IRC EXHAUST AIR INFORMATION



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IRC section M1506 & M1507: Recirculation of air. Exhaust air from bathrooms and toilet rooms shall not be recirculated within a residence or to another dwelling unit and shall be exhausted directly to the outdoors. Exhaust air from bathrooms and toilet rooms shall not discharge into an attic, crawl space or other areas inside the building.

Exhaust Openings. Air exhaust openings shall terminate not less than 3 feet from property lines; 3 feet from operable and nonoperable openings into the building and 10 feet from mechanical air intakes except where the opening is located 3 feet above the air intake.

Knox County Code Administration & Inspection Department accepts a vent terminating in the soffit. The vent must be permanently attached to soffit area with 4 to 6 inches of rigid duct. The duct must attach to an approved exhaust cap with a proper flap closing mechanism. The cap is to be mounted to the underside of the soffit.

NOTE: If the exhaust fan is installed in a separately enclosed toilet room, another exhaust vent fan must be installed in the shower/bath area to remove moisture.

