

FIRESTOPPING

Fireblocking shall be provided to cut off concealed draft openings and to form an effective fire barrier at all interconnections between concealed vertical and horizontal spaces such as occur at soffits, drop ceilings and cove ceilings. IRC R602.8

Methods for fireblocking a soffit or drop ceiling.

- 1) Install 2" nominal lumber blocking as shown in option #1.
- 2) Unfaced fiberglass insulation packed tightly to a minimum of 16" as shown in option #2.
- 3) Gypsum board or 1/2" wood sheathing on the soffit side of the wall and/or on the bottom side of floor trusses as shown in option 3.

