



# Lecture 7

## *Power and Communication*

# POWER AND COMMUNICATION

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**Florida Building Code**

# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

**For lighting, convenience outlets, and fixed equipment**

**Electrical engineer or electrical contractor specifies the exact type of circuiting, wire sizes, and other technical aspects of the electrical systems**

**The interior designer is responsible for schematically showing the desired location of outlets and switches and where power is required for special built-in equipment**

**Most codes are found in the National Electric Code (NEC)**

**Other additional electrical standards**

**ANSI** American National Standards Institute

**UL** Underwriters Laboratories. Test/Standards for Electrical Equipment

# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

## Distribution System

Controlled by Electrical Utility Company ex. FPL

*Transformer lowers voltage* before it enters building

## Premises Wiring System

System within the building

*Begins where the utility connection is made to the structure*

*The National Electrical Code (NEC) regulates only the premises wiring system*

# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

## Electrical Panels/Rooms

*Main disconnect switch*

*Secondary switches*

*Circuit Breakers*

*Fuses*

**Switchboard Room** - First and largest service entry

There must be **3' clearance** in front of this panel

Room must be **ventilated**

## Power Panel Boards

Housed in closet or cabinet placed against a wall

Should be **stacked above each other** in multiple floor buildings

## Branch Panel Boards

Typically these closets **do not** have to be rated



# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

## Electrical Boxes:

### Outlet boxes

#### Switch boxes

For single switches and duplex outlets, they measure about **2 in. x 4in.**

Boxes are about **1-1/2 in. or 2-1/8 in. deep**

### Residential

Code specifies that all rooms should have a **switch** for lighting

At least **one outlet** in a hallway.

### Commercial

Requirements are **not as specific** as residential

Does **not specify** the frequency of electrical boxes



# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

## Electrical Boxes, Con't

### ADAAG

Locate boxes at least **15"** above the floor to the **bottom** of the box

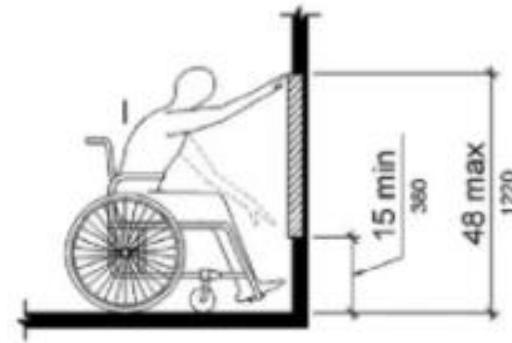


Figure 308.2.1  
Unobstructed Forward Reach

### Junction Boxes

Used to connect various cable connections and to allow for **future** access

Must be **accessible at all times** – could be a concern for gyp ceiling systems

Junction boxes are also required where **light fixtures** are **connected** to the electrical system.



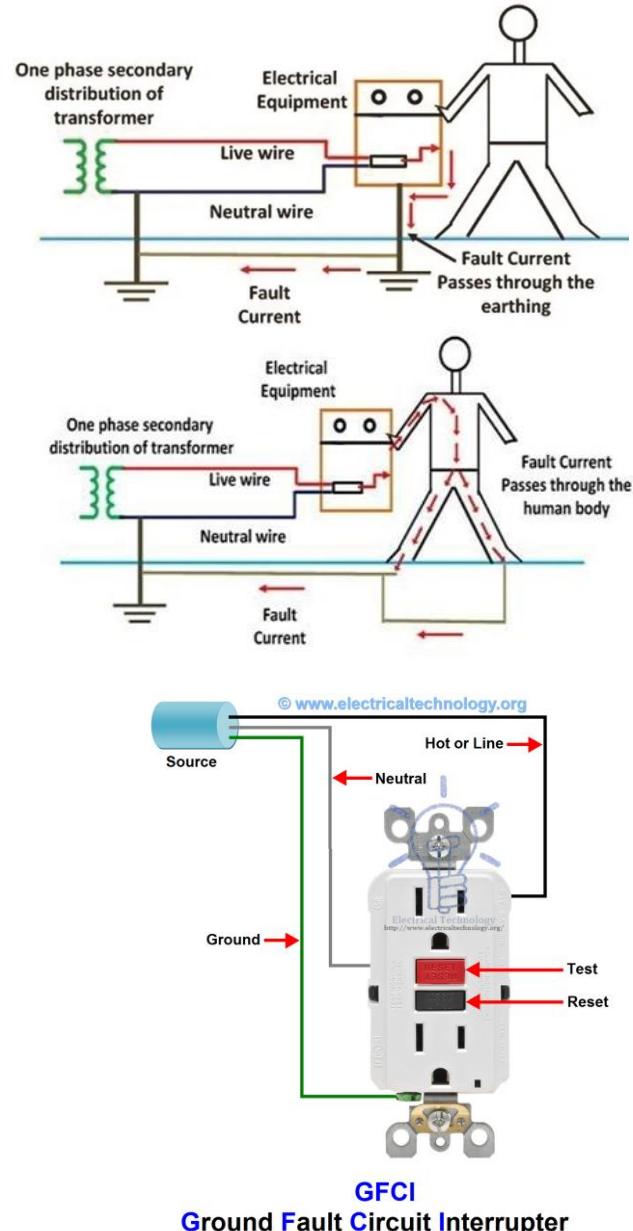
# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

## Circuit protection

- The codes *limit the voltage and amperage for circuits*  
**So it is important to supply the engineer with an accurate quantity of equipment for calculations**
- The first protection is *grounding*, which is a separate wire in addition to the two that provide power  
**The ground wire provides a *path for the fault***
- **Ground Fault Interrupters (GFI)** are devices that detect small current leaks and disconnect the power to the circuit or appliance.

**GFI**s are required for **outdoor outlets** and in **bathrooms and kitchens** as well as other locations as referenced in the National Electrical Code.

**Required on every outlet in room where there is water except where water not readily accessible**



# POWER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS, CON'T

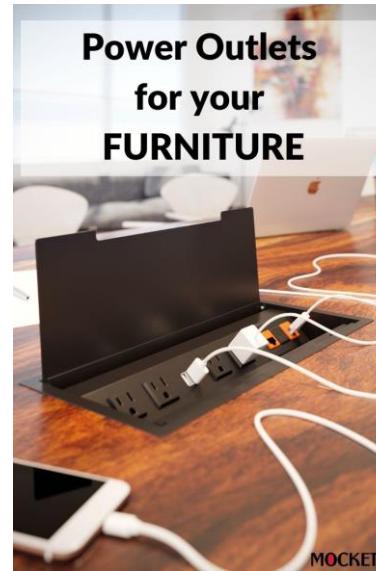
Can locate electrical and telecommunication, outlets on several plans

Construction Floor Plan – Residential usually

A separate Power Plan – for commercial

Electrical (Power) Plan – drawn by the *electrical engineer* using the power plan generated by the interior designer

Furniture Plan – directly *relate* to the placement of furniture – or include furniture on interior designer's Power Plan



# Telephone and Communication System Requirements

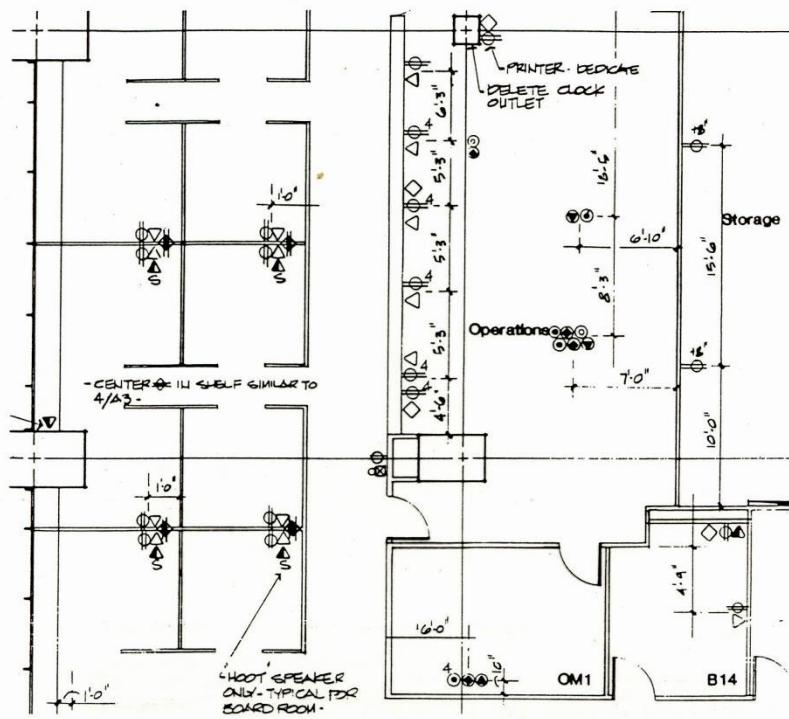
You usually show telephone and communication systems on the *same plan as the power plan*

The *interior designer is responsible* for indicating the location of such items as *telephones, intercommunication systems, public address speakers, buzzers, and computer terminals*

Actual circuiting, wire sizes, and connections to central equipment are usually determined by the *electrical engineer or electrical contractor*

Telephone and communication systems are *low-voltage* - in many cases the wire is run within the walls and ceiling spaces *without conduit*

# Interior Designer's Power Plan



**Figure 7.1** Interior Designer's Power Plan

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# Electrical Engineer's Power Plan

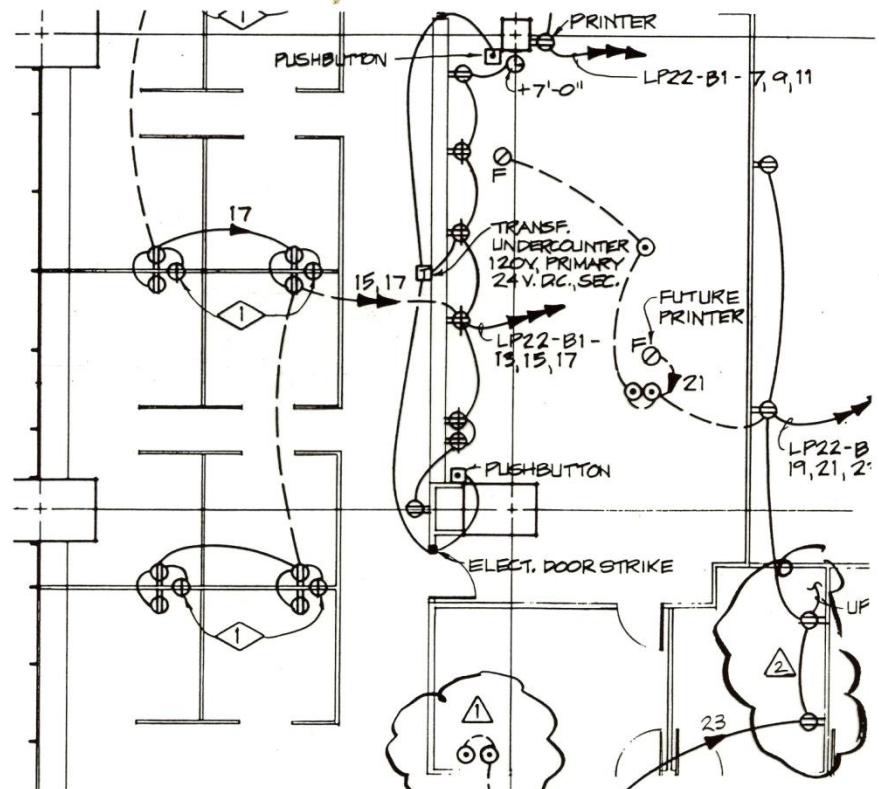


Figure 7.2 Electrical Engineer's Power Plant

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# Electrical & Lighting Symbols

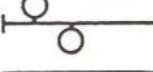
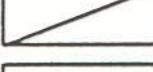
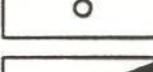
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	3-way switch		floor telephone outlet
	dimmer switch		exit light, wall mounted
	switch with pilot light		exit light, suspended (shading indicates lighted faces)
	duplex outlet		incandescent light
	outlet at nonstandard height, number indicates inches above floor to centerline		wall-mounted light
	double duplex outlet		recessed downlight
	duplex outlet, split wired		recessed directional light
	duplex outlet with ground fault circuit interrupter		track light
	range outlet		recessed fluorescent light
	telephone		surface-mounted fluorescent light
			light on emergency circuit

Figure 7.17 Electrical and Lighting Symbols



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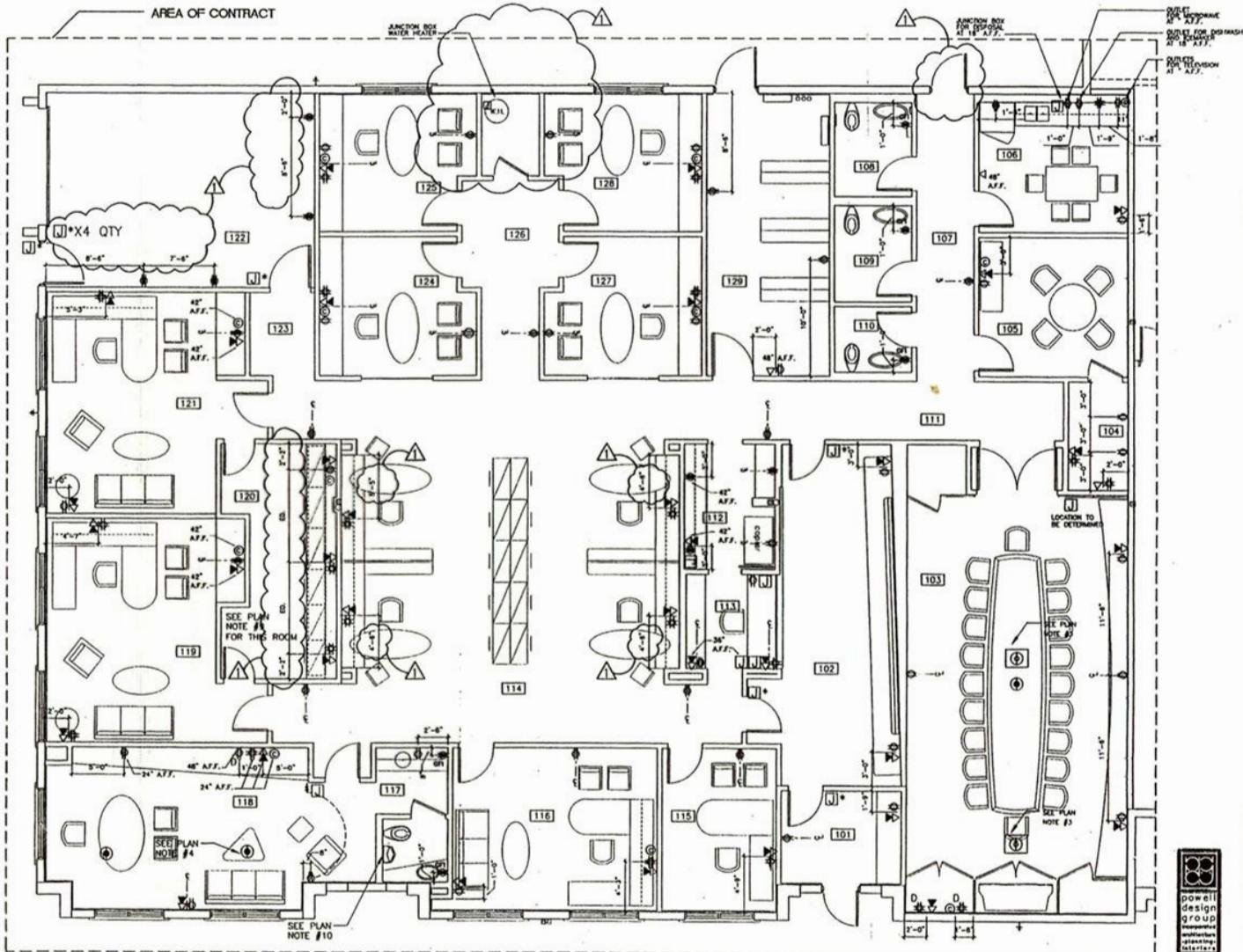
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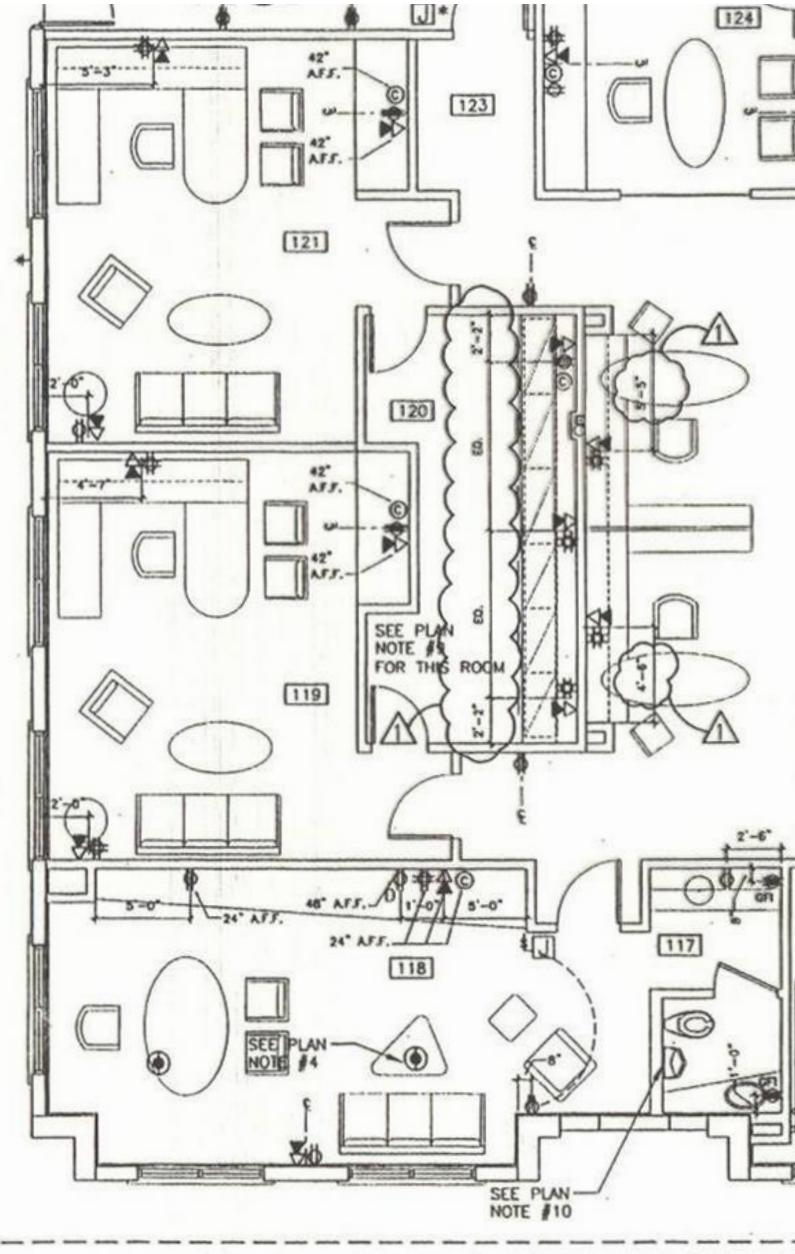


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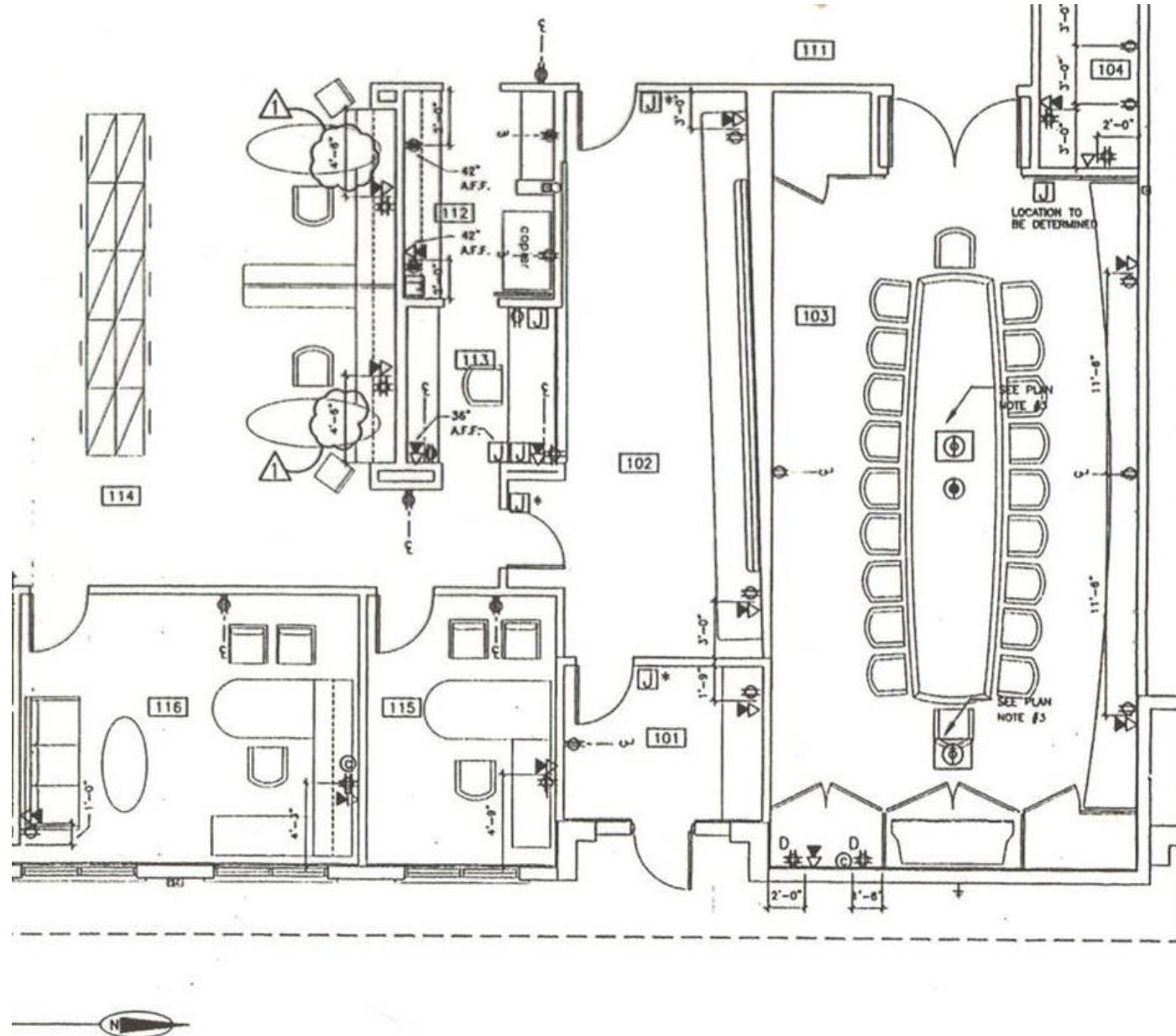
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2. CONTRACTOR IS TO COORDINATE ELECTRICAL WITH APPLIANCES
3. INSTALL DEDICATED POWER OUTLET AND JUNCTION BOX IN CEILING FOR FUTURE TELE-VIDEO EQUIPMENT.
4. ALL COMPUTER CABLING WILL BE 2 CAT-5 LINES.
5. RUN 1 1/2" CONDUIT FROM FLOOR BOX TO TELEVISION LOCATION.
6. SEE REFLECTED CEILING PLAN, SHEET A-2 AND A-2.1 FOR LIGHT FIXTURES THAT REQUIRE JUNCTION BOXES.
7. CONTRACTOR IS TO PROVIDE JUNCTION BOXES FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED.
8. CONTRACTOR IS TO COORDINATE LOCATION OF FLOOR OUTLETS WITH FURNITURE IN THE FIELD. DO NOT SCALE FROM PLANS.
9. INSTALL ALL OUTLETS AND JUNCTION BOXES AT 42" A.F.F., ON CENTER.
10. INSTALL TOUCHLESS FLUSHING SENSOR FOR URINAL.

## LEGEND

- Ⓐ WALL MOUNTED DUPLEX OUTLET, 15" A.F.F., UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
- Ⓑ WALL MOUNTED FOURPLEX OUTLET, 15" A.F.F.
- Ⓒ WALL MOUNTED DUPLEX OUTLET, 42" A.F.F.
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- Ⓔ WALL MOUNTED DUPLEX OUTLET, 36" A.F.F.
- Ⓕ WALL MOUNTED TELEPHONE OUTLET, 15" A.F.F.
- Ⓖ WALL MOUNTED PHONE/DATA DUAL JACK, 15" A.F.F.
- Ⓗ COMPUTER CABLE CONNECTION
- Ⓘ CABLE OUTLET
- Ⓛ FLOOR MOUNTED QUAD OUTLET AND PHONE/DATA DUAL JACK - FLUSH MOUNT
- Ⓜ CEILING MOUNTED DUPLEX OUTLET AND PHONE/DATA DUAL JACK
- GFI GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER
- J JUNCTION BOX (height as indicated)
- J\* JUNCTION BOX TO BE INSTALLED PER DETAILS 11 AND 12, SHEET A-7
- Ⓛ CENTERLINE OF WALL
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ELECTRICAL LOCATION PLAN



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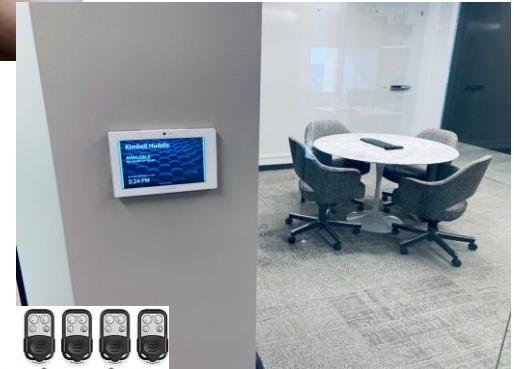
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# Telephone and Communication System Requirements

## Communication Elements

- Intercoms
- Telephones
- Computers
- Wireless
- Security and background music
- Assistive listening systems as required by ADAAG
- Television systems

Surveillance equipment  
Cable services  
Satellite hookups



# Telephone and Communication System Requirements

## Communication Rooms / **IT Rooms**

- Locate as close as possible to communication service entry
- **Consult** communication system company to determine the size of the room
- **Communication Closet**
- **Satellite Closet**

# LIGHTING SYSTEMS

- The type of *lighting system* selected determines the required construction detailing
  - Wired
  - Solar
  - Wireless
- For some large, recessed incandescent down lights, it may be necessary to *relocate HVAC duct work, conduit, and plumbing* pipes to accommodate the location and space
- An alternate is to select *low clearance fixtures*.



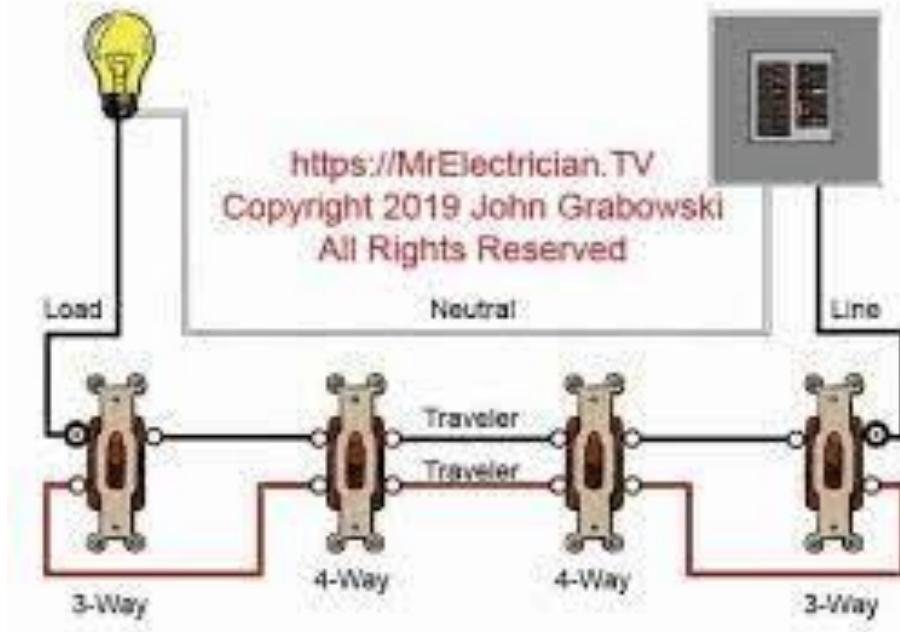
# LIGHTING SYSTEMS

## Control Devices

The interior designer should decide how the lighting in a space will be *switched*

**Three or four-way** switches can be used - these allow a fixture to be switched **at two or three** different locations, respectively

Incandescent and LED lighting should be on a circuit **separate** from fluorescent lighting.  
Incandescent and LED lighting may need to be on separate circuits as well – may depend on dimming requirements (LED often requires special dimmers)



# LIGHTING SYSTEMS



## Light Fixtures

- It is important to specify *UL approved*  
Do not assume that all fixtures are  
**UL!!!**
- Fixtures that weigh *less than 50 lbs*  
may be supported by the outlet box
- Place so that *both* the fixture and the  
lamp may be replaced



# EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

- Artificial lighting is required in the *path of an exit discharge* when the building is in use
- Lighting should be available for *1 to 1-1/2 hour* in case of power failure
- Consider including some of the existing fixtures on a *separate emergency lighting circuit* (overlapping light pattern to insure lighting)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ljVLLi3ESw&t=5s>



## The Future

- Wireless Power
- Wireless Electricity
- Smart Homes/Offices
- Sustainable Design
- Wind and Solar Power

## Innovations

- 3D Wallpaper
- Switchable “Smart” Glass (Privacy Glass)
- Soundproof Blinds

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