

**El Dorado County Development Services Department  
Building Services**

**POLICY**

*A department policy is based on an interpretation of a code provision  
and is subject to change based on new information.*

**REPAIRS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES**

An existing building or portion thereof, which does not comply with the requirements of the building code for new construction, shall not be altered or repaired in such a manner that results in the building being less safe or sanitary than such building is currently (CBC 3410.2.4).

If failure or damage to the structural member(s) of an existing building was caused by some action not normally considered as part of the design criteria (fire, falling tree, vehicle damage, etc.) structural repairs may be made using original methods and materials of construction when the following conditions exist:

1. Related structural components show no signs of distress. An evaluation by a California licensed architect or engineer will be required.
2. The structure does not become or continue to be substandard.

Methods and materials that comply with the current requirements for new construction will apply if neither of the above conditions exists, or if there is an addition and/or alteration.

In all cases, building setbacks and property line requirements must be approved by all agencies having jurisdiction.