

## Practice matters

Continuous developments in the building industry, such as the introduction of new materials, methods and systems, together with new policies and approaches in construction impacts on the regulatory requirements. Building regulations and the interpretation thereof in practice does not remain static in order to accommodate policy changes while allowing the incorporation of innovation. The National Regulator for Compulsory Specification has promulgated SANS 10400 South African National Standards, which is the application of the National Building Regulations and Standards, (Act No. 103 of 1977 as amended) and deemed-to-satisfy requirements.

## Green tip

Replace the lamps (light bulbs) in your house with energy saving LED's as and when the old tungsten or other types expire.

## Books, Movies & Events

*The Architectural Uncanny* by Anthony Vidler, MIT Press Ltd, 1994. Interprets contemporary buildings in terms of the resurgent interest in the uncanny as a metaphor for the fundamentally "unhomely" modern condition. Engaging meditations on issues that are at the heart of pressing architectural debates such as social and individual estrangement, alienation, homelessness and ecology.



## Quote for the month

"A great building must begin with the unmeasurable, must go through measurable means when it is being designed and in the end must be unmeasurable." Louis Kahn

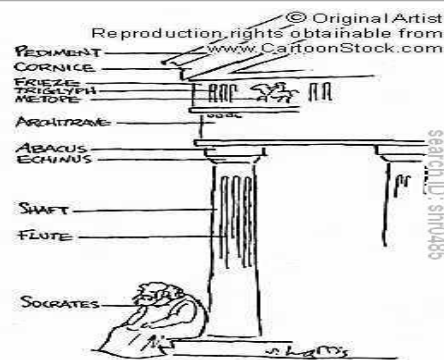
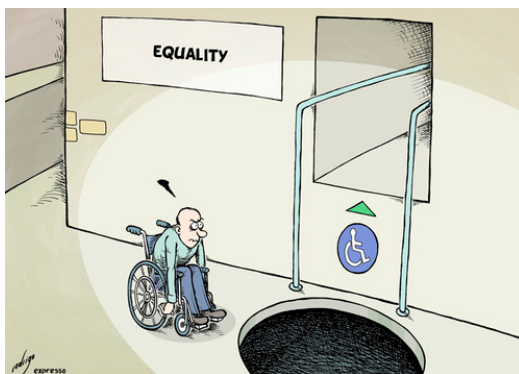
## What's news

The Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution of South Africa, (Act No. 108 of 1996), contains rights relating to the environment. Section 24 reads as follows: Everyone has the right A. to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and B. to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that

- i. prevent pollution and ecological degradation;
- ii. promote conservation; and
- iii. secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development.

Our new building codes now ensures these rights through prescriptive regulation.

## Lifestyle



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