

Main Street Memo

Wet Walls



Wet walls (also called plumbing wall) create voids that can run multiple floors.

- Wet walls: contain the plumbing and vents for bathrooms and kitchens.
- Soil pipe will extend through the roofline.
- Fire has the potential to spread through a pipe chase using the chimney effect.
- Typically found near the toilet, shower, sink, etc. If unable to find, look for “abnormalities” such as a bump out in an adjoining wall.
- These are important to consider during overhaul, especially when directly above the fire floor or any fire in the basement.



Pipe chase