

9.14 Cavity barriers in a stud wall or partition, or provided around openings, may be formed of any of the following.

- a. Steel, a minimum of 0.5mm thick.
- b. Timber, a minimum of 38mm thick.
- c. Polythene-sleeved mineral wool, or mineral wool slab, under compression when installed in the cavity.

d. Calcium silicate, cement-based or gypsum-based boards, a minimum of 12mm thick.

These do not necessarily achieve the performance specified in paragraph 9.13.

**NOTE:** Cavity barriers provided around openings may be formed by the window or door frame if the frame is constructed of steel or timber of the minimum thickness in (a) or (b), as appropriate.

## Building work

Regulation 3 of the Building Regulations defines 'building work'. Building work includes:

- a. the erection or extension of a building
- b. the provision or extension of a controlled service or fitting
- c. the material alteration of a building or a controlled service or fitting.

Regulation 4 states that building work should be carried out in such a way that, when work is complete:

- a. For new buildings or work on a building that complied with the applicable requirements of the Building Regulations: the building complies with the applicable requirements of the Building Regulations.
- b. For work on an existing building that did not comply with the applicable requirements of the Building Regulations:
  - i. the work itself must comply with the applicable requirements of the Building Regulations, and
  - ii. the building must be no more unsatisfactory in relation to the requirements than before the work was carried out.