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Q & A

Baby, It's Hot Inside

Q My co-op building was built without air-conditioning in the common hallways. On hot summer days, just walking from your apartment to the elevator can drench your clothes in sweat. Are there regulations as to how high temperatures are allowed to go in common areas of residential buildings?

A Howard Schechter, a Manhattan real estate lawyer, says there is no law that establishes a "maximum temperature" for common areas of apartment buildings. He says most boards are reluctant to incur the expense of installing air-conditioning in such spaces, absent a general consensus among the shareholders to spend the money.