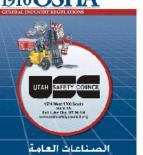


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Means of Egress (1910.35)

- Continuous and unobstructed way of exit travel from any point in a bldg to a public way
 - Way of exit access
 - The exit
 - The way of exit discharge
- Must be free, non locked, visible & marked (6 inch 'EXIT' letters)
- Passages that could be mistaken as exits must be marked as not being exits (ie ' not an exit') or be so arranged to minimized being mistaken as an exit
- Two remote means of egress through lesser hazard occupancy

Exits

- a building's exits are the most important factor involved in protecting life from fire
- Exits often are inadequate in many buildings
- Consider the design of exits in a building's total fire safety system
- Must be sufficient in size and number to allow an orderly evacuation.
- A building's population and degree of hazard are the major factors when designing exits
- Every building or structure, and every section or area in it, shall have at least two separate means of exit.

Exits

- Arrange exits so that the possibility of any one fire blocking all exits is minimized.
- Safe exits require a safe path of escape from the fire with the least possible travel distance to the exit
- Path should be large enough to permit all occupants to reach a place of safety before they are endangered by the fire or by smoke and toxic gases.
- NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, provides a reasonable and comprehensive guide to exit requirements
- If local state or provincial, or federal codes may contain more rigid recommendations and therefore will apply

3 Components of an Exit

- Exit Access
- Exit
- Exit Discharge

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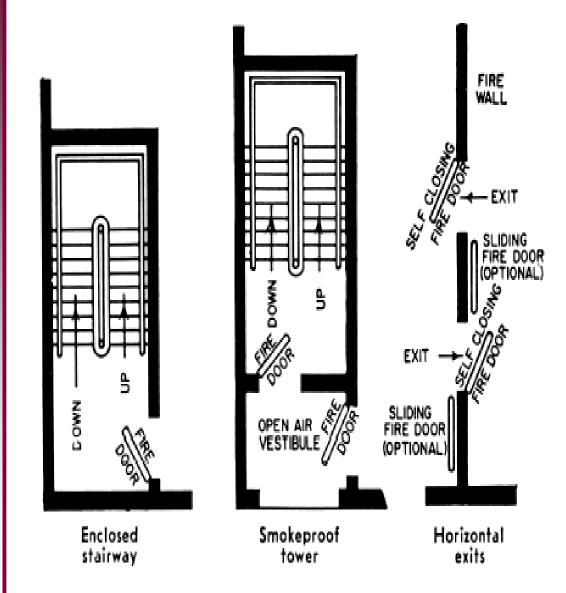


Figure 11-7. Plan views of types of exits. Stair enclosure prevents fire on any floor from trapping persons above. A smokeproof tower is better because an opening to the air at each floor largely prevents the chance of smoke on the stairway. A smokeproof tower charged with positive air pressure is more likely to prevent smoke from entering. A horizontal exit provides a quick refuge and decreases the need for a hasty flight down stairs. Horizontal sliding fire doors provided for safeguarding property values are arranged to close automatically in case of fire. Swinging doors are self-closing. Two wall openings are needed for exit in two directions. (Reprinted with permission from the National Fire Protection Association.)

Exit design

- Not less than 28 inches
- Determined by the number of people and travel distance
- Shielded from high hazard occupancy
- Exit doors: side hinged, swing type that open in the direction of travel when area is occupied by more than 50 persons or high hazard occupancy

Exit Design (now usu. by calculated evac times):

 GSA stds: evac to safe area w/in 90 secs of alarm, a portion of the time (15 secs.) can be used in traveling toward the fire - i.e. as in a dead end corridor; all occupants must reach refuge w/ in 5 min of downward vertical travel or w/in 1 min upward vertical travel;

Exit Design (now usu. by calculated evac times):

• Calculation: T= N+n

r x u

- where T = time in mins. req'd for evac by stairs
- N = number of people in blg above ground floor
- n = number of people who can stand on stairs, at 3 ft sq/ person, or number of people on floor (lesser of the two)
- r = rate of discharge in people / unit exit width
- u = number of 22 in. exit units of stair width (note:12 additional inches counts as ½ exit width)

Exit Design (now usu. by calculated evac times):

– Also must consider the time of evac. for the person from the most remote point to reach the stairs or exit and add into the calculation; This calc. will give you the MINIMUM time for a perfect evacuation; safety factors must be built in!!

Emergency Planning (1910.38)

- Training required when Employee Emergency Plans and Fire Prevention Plans are developed or responsibilities change
- Both plans should be written
- Evacuation Drills should be conducted at least once per year (not an OSHA requirement, but good practice and in many jurisdictions, a requirement of local law or regulation)
 - primary and secondary routes of evac practiced
 - head count
 - duties

Emergency Response Teams

• Fire Brigades 1910.156-

- incipient- basic fire extinguisher use as per FPP, annual training required
- structural equipment use!!!; quarterly training required, falls under many other standards at this point;

Emergency Response Teams

- Medical response differs by injury potential and response time ('near proximity'- 1910.151)
- Watch other regs like confined space, BBP as this could impact what you do

Outside responders

- Once arrive onsite, are in command of site to protect their personnel & public safety
- Should invite local fire to tour site annually for familiarity
- Discuss what, if any of the facility equipment they expect to use (usually very little) & response capabilities
 - Maintain access to radio, fire panel, risers & hydrants always
- Have plans, MSDS, etc at arrival location for their use