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- [History and Code Development](#) – history of codes and the tragedies that prompted code changes, a summary of the code development process and the codes and standards used for this course
- [General \(but Important\) Information](#) – links to information on codes vs. standards, Authorities Having Jurisdiction, means of egress, egress width, and travel distance

### Class Information

The pages linked below include additional materials and links to more information, practice exercises, and the presentation in PDF format. (Link will be live after each class is held.)

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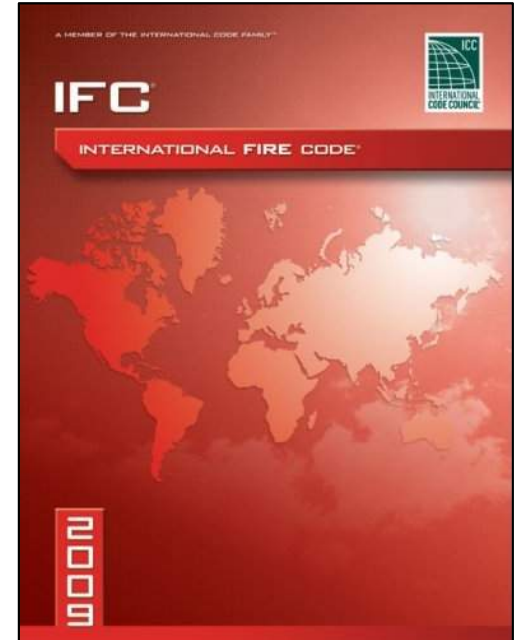
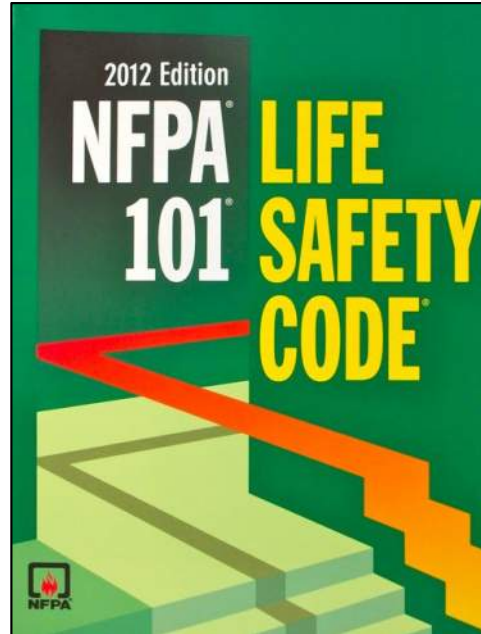
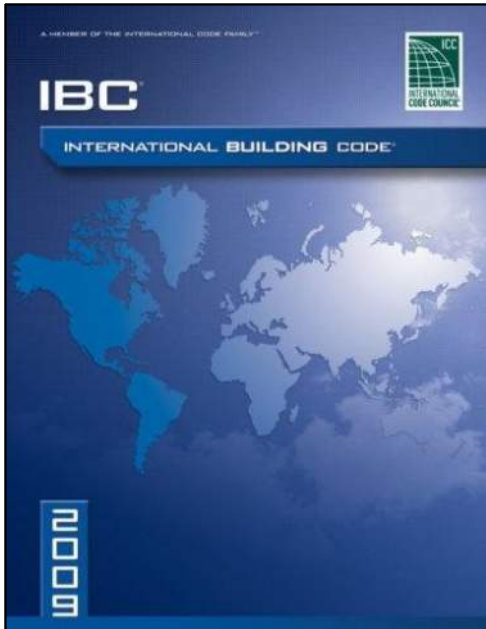
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## Session 3 – Life Safety

- IBC – NFPA 101 – IFC
- Occupancy Types – Use Groups
- Occupied vs. Unoccupied
- Opening Protectives
- Means of Egress
  - travel distance, common path of travel, dead end corridors
  - clear width, projections, and door swing
  - opening force and auto operators
  - unlatching, bolts, hardware operation and height
  - panic hardware

# Building Code vs. Life Safety Code or Fire Code



A building code is typically used only during design/construction. After completion, the applicable fire code is enforced.

# Approved

**3.2.1\* Approved.** Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

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# Authority Having Jurisdiction

## 4.6.1 Authority Having Jurisdiction.

**4.6.1.1** The authority having jurisdiction shall determine whether the provisions of this *Code* are met.

**4.6.1.2** Any requirements that are essential for the safety of building occupants and that are not specifically provided for by this *Code* shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

**4.6.1.3** Where it is evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided, any requirement shall be permitted to be modified if, in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, its application would be hazardous under normal occupancy conditions.

## Occupancy Classifications (NFPA 101 – Chapter 6)

- Assembly
- Educational
- Day Care
- Health Care
- Ambulatory Health Care
- Detention and Correctional
- Residential
- Residential Board and Care
- Business
- Mercantile
- Industrial
- Storage

## Use Groups (IBC – Chapter 3)

- Assembly
- Business
- Educational
- Factory and Industrial
- High Hazard
- Institutional
- Mercantile
- Residential
- Storage
- Utility & Maintenance
- Most are divided into sub-groups

# Occupancy Classifications and Use Groups

## Some are a little tricky...

- A college classroom building is a Business occupancy, but if a college classroom holds 50 or more, it is an Assembly occupancy.
- NFPA 101's Ambulatory Health Care occupancy is usually considered Group B (Business) for the IBC.
- Child day care centers are considered Day Care occupancies per NFPA 101, but may be I (Institutional) or E (Educational) use groups per the IBC.
- A training room within an office building is not considered an Assembly use group by the IBC unless it has an occupant load of 50 or more, or is over 750 sq. ft. in area.



# Multiple Occupancies (NFPA 101)

- **6.1.14.2.1 Multiple Occupancy.** A building or structure in which two or more classes of occupancy exist.
- **6.1.14.2.2 Mixed Occupancy.** A multiple occupancy where the occupancies are intermingled. (follow most stringent requirements throughout)
- **6.1.14.2.3 Separated Occupancy.** A multiple occupancy where the occupancies are separated by fire resistance-rated assemblies. (follow separate requirements for each area)

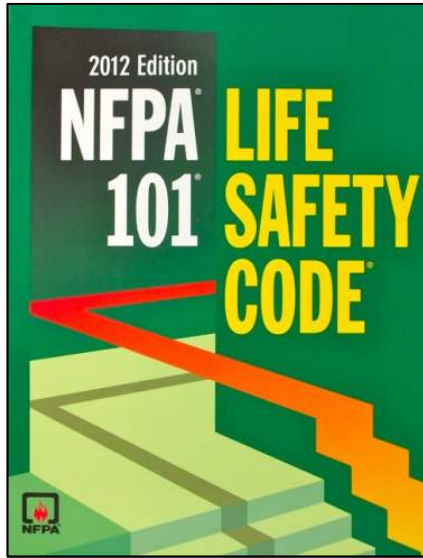
# Hazard of Contents (NFPA 101)

- **6.2.2.2\* Low Hazard Contents.** Low hazard contents shall be classified as those of such low combustibility that no self propagating fire therein can occur.
- **6.2.2.3\* Ordinary Hazard Contents.** Ordinary hazard contents shall be classified as those that are likely to burn with moderate rapidity or to give off a considerable volume of smoke. (most buildings are ordinary hazard)
- **6.2.2.4\* High Hazard Contents.** High hazard contents shall be classified as those that are likely to burn with extreme rapidity or from which explosions are likely.

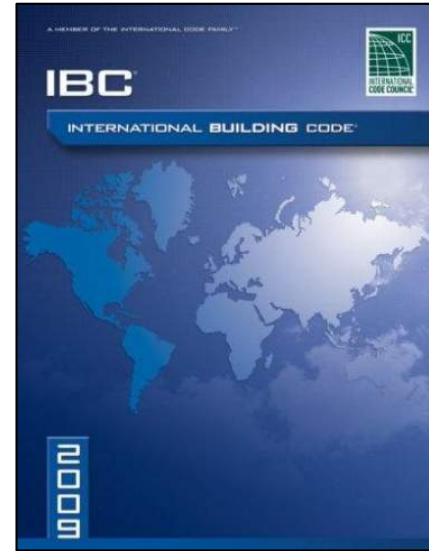
# Occupied vs. Unoccupied (NFPA 101)

- Open for general occupancy, or
  - Open to the public, or
  - Occupied by more than 10 persons.
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- NFPA 101 and IFC may have differing requirements for when building is occupied vs. unoccupied.





- Chapter 7  
Means of Egress
- Chapter 8  
Features of Fire Protection
- Chapters 12-42 Occupancy  
Chapters



- Chapter 7  
Fire and Smoke  
Protection Features
- Chapter 10  
Means of Egress

# Opening Protectives (IBC)

**TABLE 716.5  
OPENING FIRE PROTECTION ASSEMBLIES, RATINGS AND MARKINGS**

TYPE OF ASSEMBLY	REQUIRED WALL ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)	MINIMUM FIRE DOOR AND FIRE SHUTTER ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)	DOOR VISION PANEL SIZE	FIRE RATED GLAZING MARKING DOOR VISION PANEL *	MINIMUM SIDELIGHT/TRANSOM ASSEMBLY RATING (hours)		FIRE-RATED GLAZING MARKING SIDELITE/TRANSOM PANEL	
					Fire protection	Fire resistance	Fire protection	Fire resistance
Fire walls and fire barriers having a required fire-resistance rating greater than 1 hour	4	3	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	4	Not Permitted	W-240
	3	3 <sup>a</sup>	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	3	Not Permitted	W-180
	2	1½	100 sq. in. <sup>c</sup>	≤100 sq.in. = D-H-90 >100 sq.in.= D-H-W-90	Not Permitted	2	Not Permitted	W-120
	1½	1½	100 sq. in. <sup>c</sup>	≤100 sq.in. = D-H-90 >100 sq.in.= D-H-W-90	Not Permitted	1½	Not Permitted	W-90
Shaft, exit enclosures and exit passageway walls	2	1½	100 sq. in. <sup>c, d</sup>	≤100 sq.in. = D-H-90 > 100 sq.in.= D-H-T-or D-H-T-W-90	Not Permitted	2	Not Permitted	W-120
Fire barriers having a required fire-resistance rating of 1 hour: Enclosures for shafts, exit access stairways, exit access ramps, interior exit stairways, interior exit ramps and exit passageway walls	1	1	100 sq. in. <sup>c, d</sup>	≤100 sq.in. = D-H-60 >100 sq.in.= D-H-T-60 or D-H-T-W-60	Not Permitted	1	Not Permitted	W-60



# Opening Protectives (NFPA 101)

**Table 8.3.4.2 Minimum Fire Protection Ratings for Opening Protectives in Fire Resistance–Rated Assemblies**

Component	Walls and Partitions (hr)	Fire Door Assemblies (hr)	Fire Window Assemblies (hr)
Elevator hoistways	2	1½	NP
	1	1	NP
Vertical shafts	2	1½	NP
(including	1	1	NP
stairways, exits, and	½	⅓	NP
refuse chutes)			
Fire barriers	3	3	NP
	2	1½	NP
	1	¾	¾
	½	⅓*	⅓
Horizontal exits	2	1½	NP
Horizontal exits	2	¾	¾
served by bridges			
between buildings			
Exit access corridors <sup>†</sup>	1	⅓	¾
	½	⅓	⅓
Smoke barriers <sup>†</sup>	1	⅓	¾
Smoke partitions <sup>†, ‡</sup>	½	⅓	⅓

# Means of Egress

- A continuous and unobstructed way of travel from any point in a building or structure to a public way
- Not every door is an egress door.
- Not every egress door has an exit sign.





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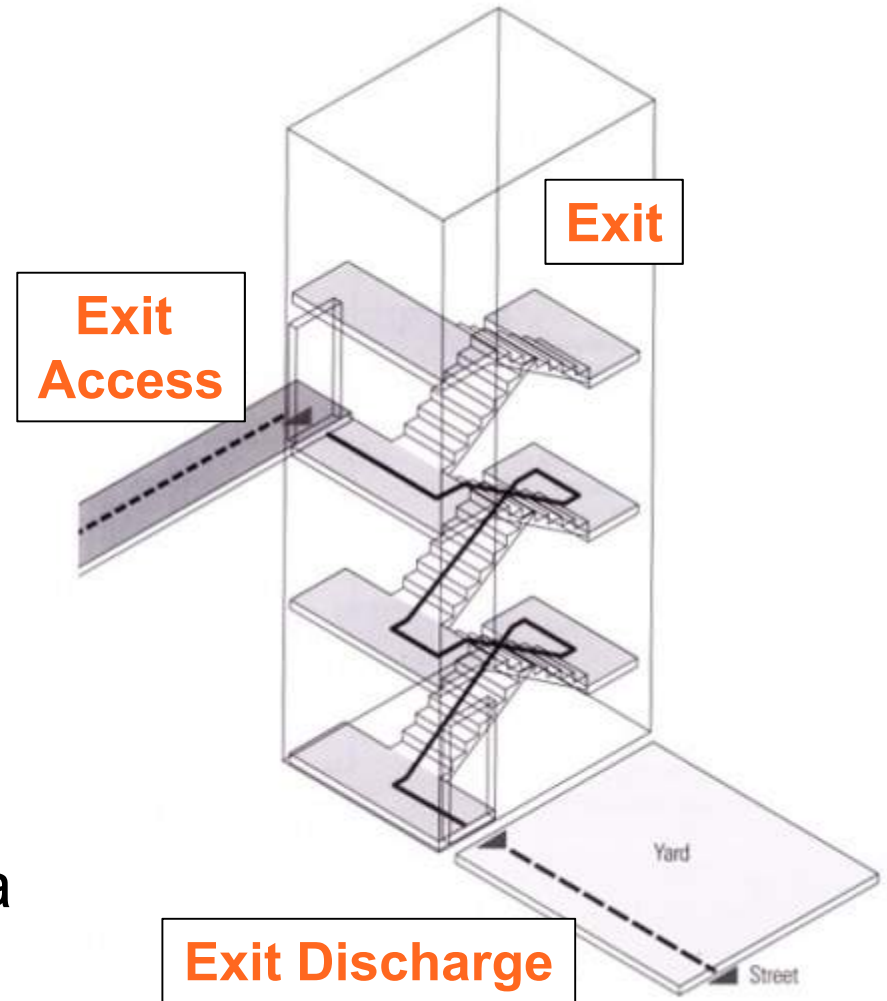
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# Means of Egress

- **Exit Access** – leads from occupied portion to an exit
- **Exit** – separated by fire-resistance-rated construction and opening protectives to provide a protected path of egress travel
- **Exit Discharge** – between termination of an exit and a public way

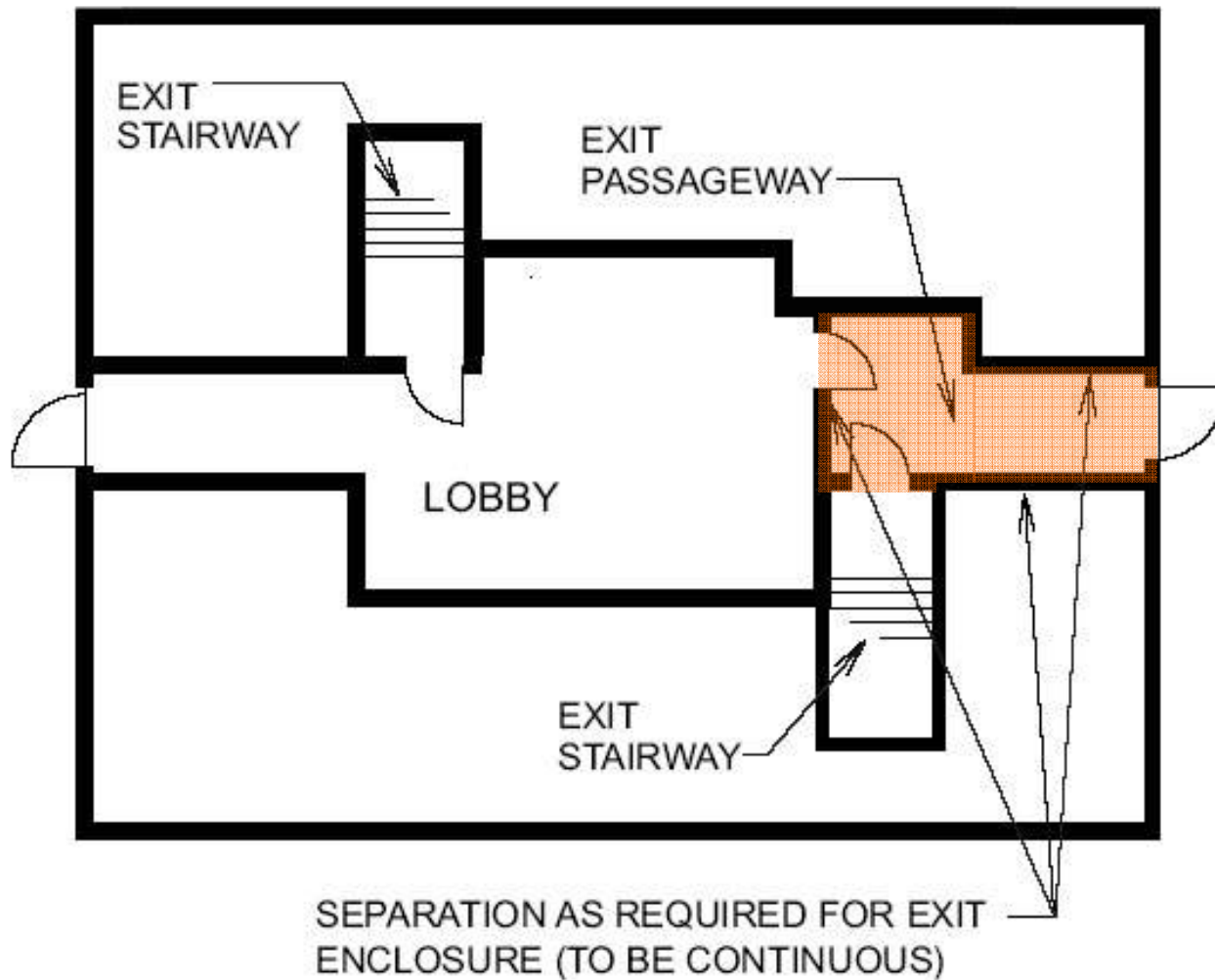




# Exit Passageway

**EXIT PASSAGEWAY.** An *exit* component that is separated from other interior spaces of a building or structure by fire-resistance-rated construction and opening protectives, and provides for a protected path of egress travel in a horizontal direction to an *exit* or to the *exit discharge*.

# Exit Passageway

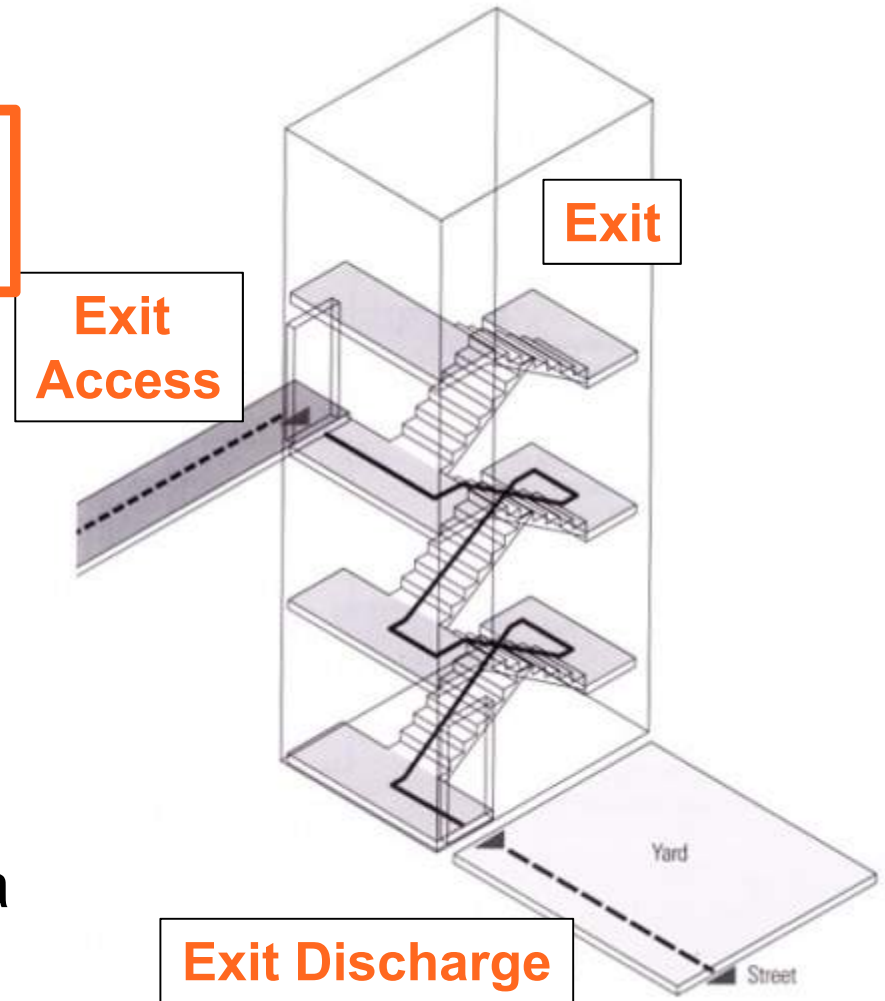


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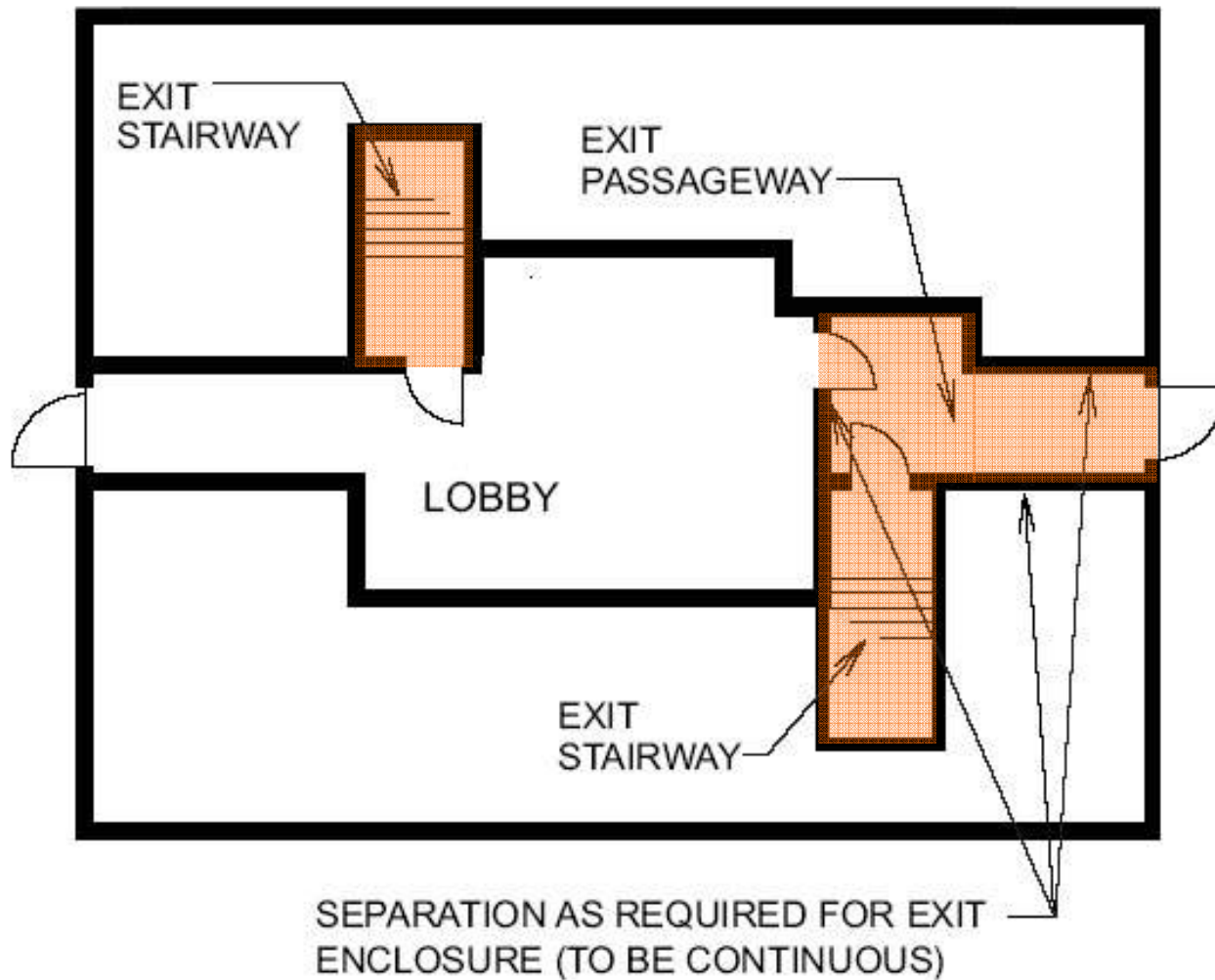


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# Exit / Exit Enclosure

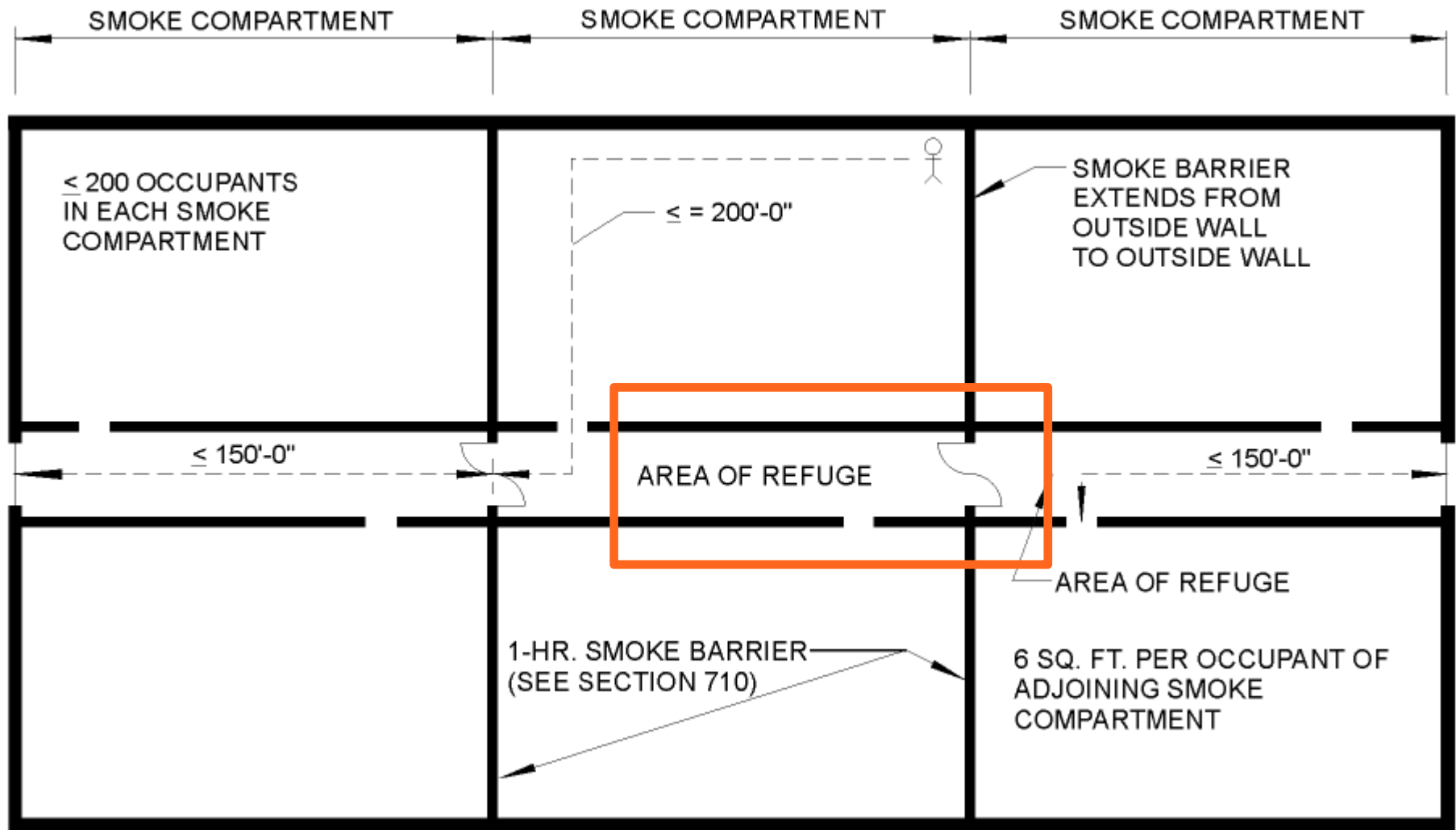




# Horizontal Exit

**3.3.75.1\* *Horizontal Exit.*** A way of passage from one building to an area of refuge in another building on approximately the same level, or a way of passage through or around a fire barrier to an area of refuge on approximately the same level in the same building that affords safety from fire and smoke originating from the area of incidence and areas communicating therewith.

# Horizontal Exit



# Area of Refuge

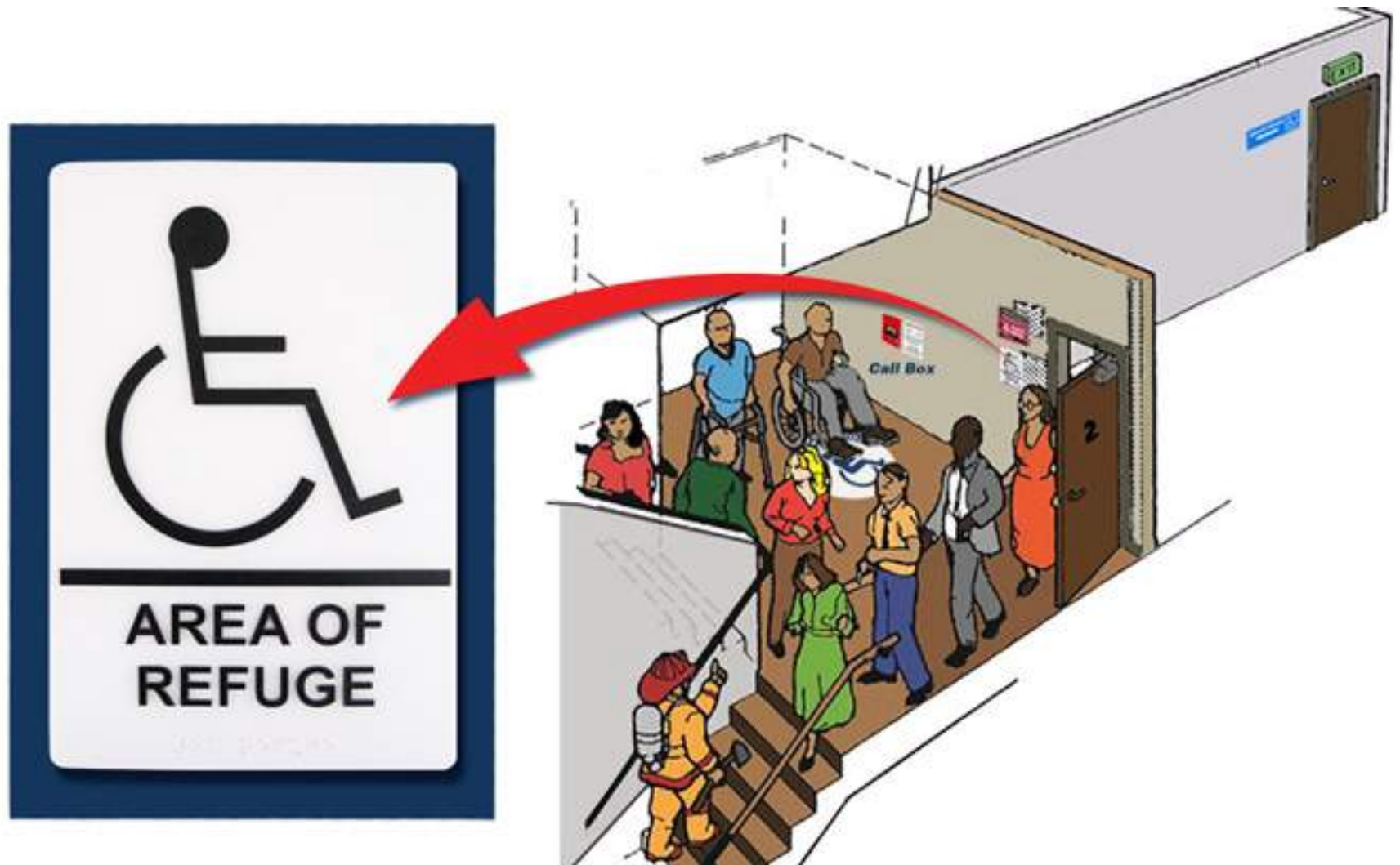
NFPA 101

**3.3.20\* Area of Refuge.** An area that is either (1) a story in a building where the building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system and has not less than two accessible rooms or spaces separated from each other by smoke-resisting partitions; or (2) a space located in a path of travel leading to a public way that is protected from the effects of fire, either by means of separation from other spaces in the same building or by virtue of location, thereby permitting a delay in egress travel from any level.

IBC

**AREA OF REFUGE.** An area where persons unable to use *stairways* can remain temporarily to await instructions or assistance during emergency evacuation.

# Area of Refuge





# Travel Distance

## **7.6\* Measurement of Travel Distance to Exits.**

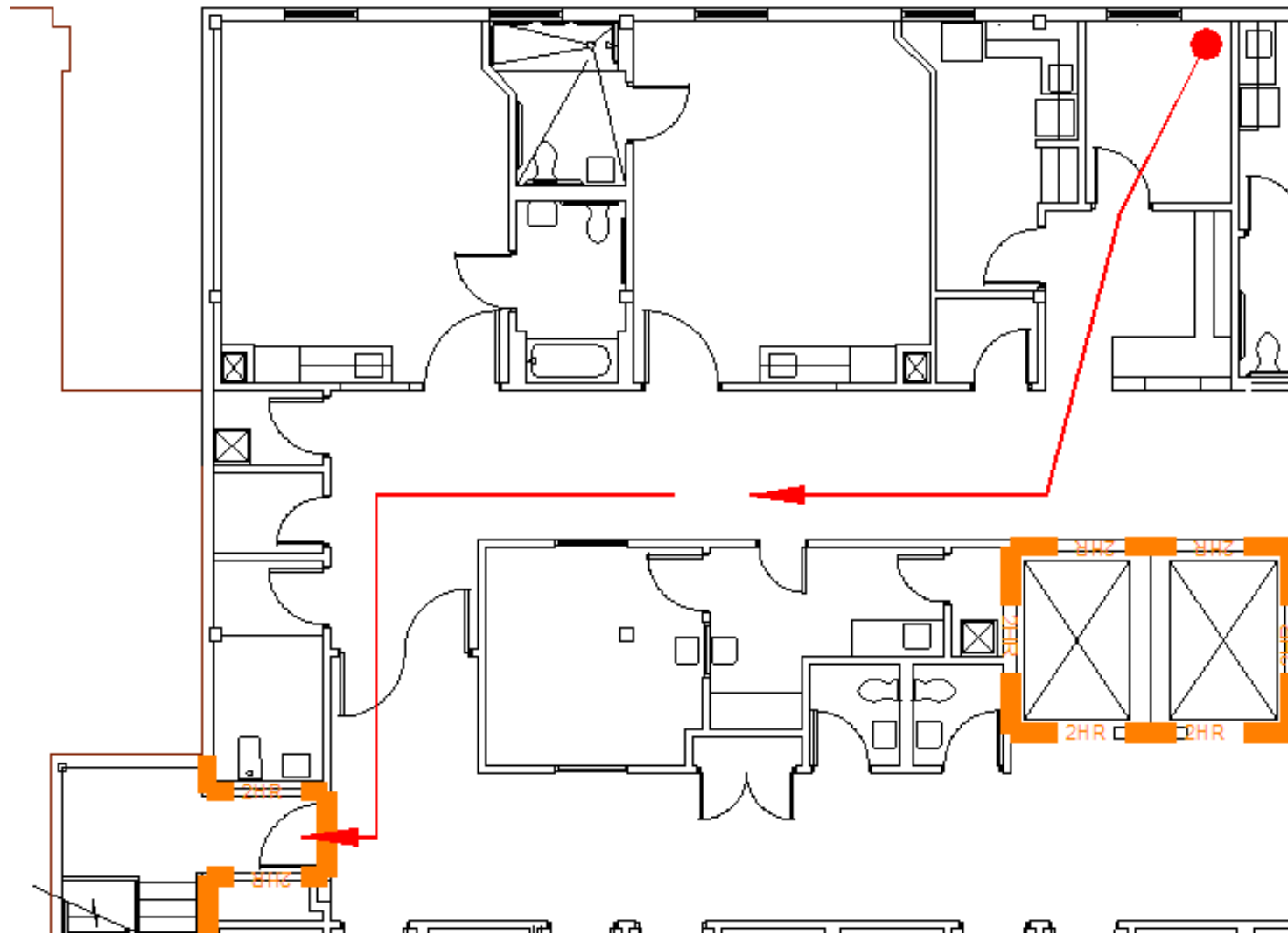
**7.6.1\*** The travel distance to an exit shall be measured on the floor or other walking surface as follows:

- (1) Along the centerline of the natural path of travel, starting from the most remote point subject to occupancy
- (2) Curving around any corners or obstructions, with a 12 in. (305 mm) clearance therefrom
- (3) Terminating at one of the following:
  - (a) Center of the doorway
  - (b) Other point at which the exit begins
  - (c) Smoke barrier in an existing detention and correctional occupancy as provided in Chapter 23

Travel distance may end at the beginning of an exit, at an exit discharge, or at a horizontal exit.



# Travel Distance



## Example from New Educational Chapter

**14.2.6 Travel Distance to Exits.** Travel distance shall comply with 14.2.6.1 through 14.2.6.3.

**14.2.6.1** Travel distance shall be measured in accordance with Section 7.6.

**14.2.6.2** Travel distance to an exit shall not exceed 150 ft (46 m) from any point in a building, unless otherwise provided in 14.2.6.3. (*See also Section 7.6.*)

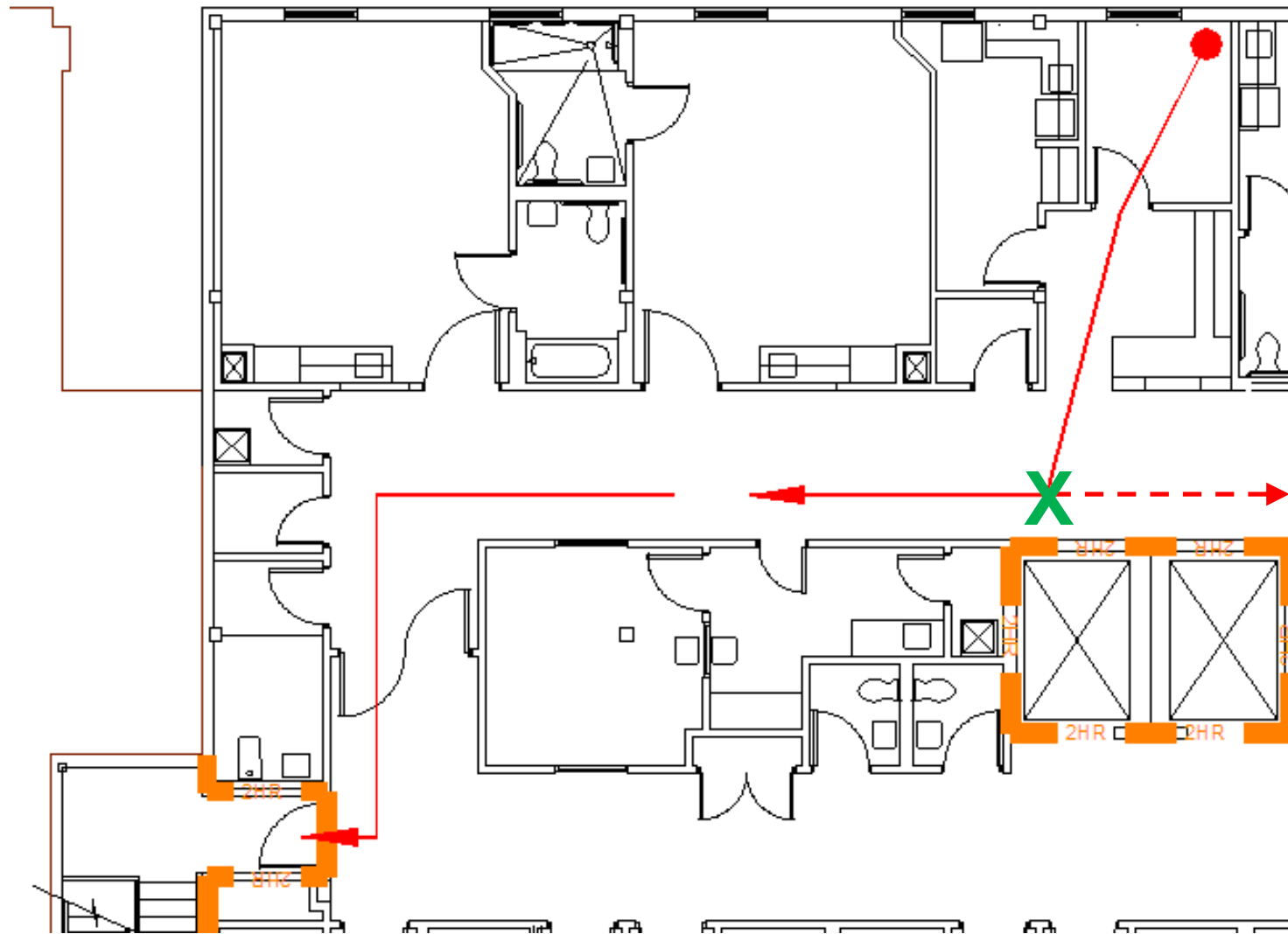
**14.2.6.3** Travel distance shall not exceed 200 ft (61 m) in educational occupancies protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.

# Common Path of Travel

**3.3.42\* Common Path of Travel.** The portion of exit access that must be traversed before two separate and distinct paths of travel to two exits are available.

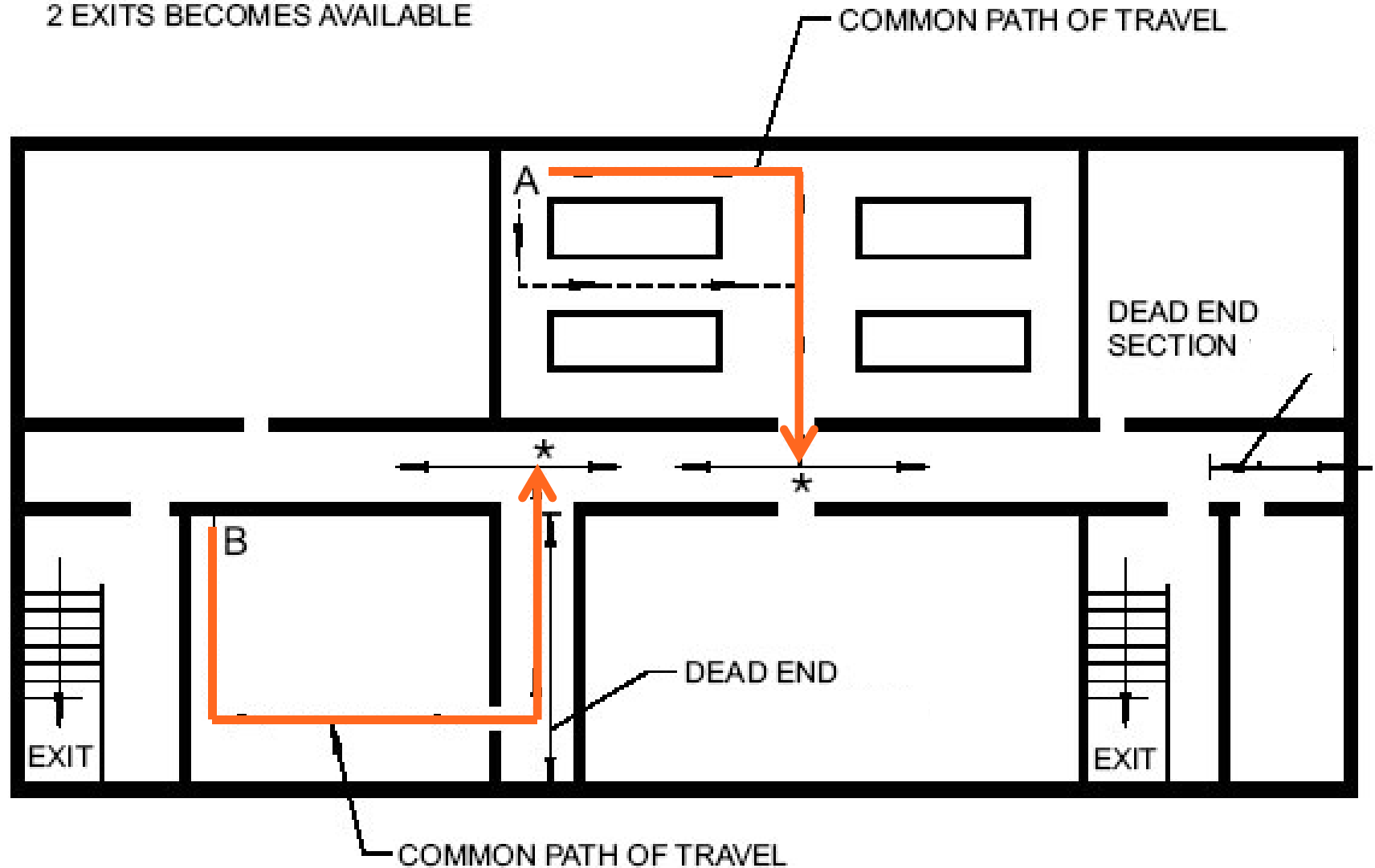


# Travel Distance



# Common Path of (Egress) Travel

★ POINT AT WHICH A CHOICE OF 2 EXITS BECOMES AVAILABLE





# Common Path of Travel

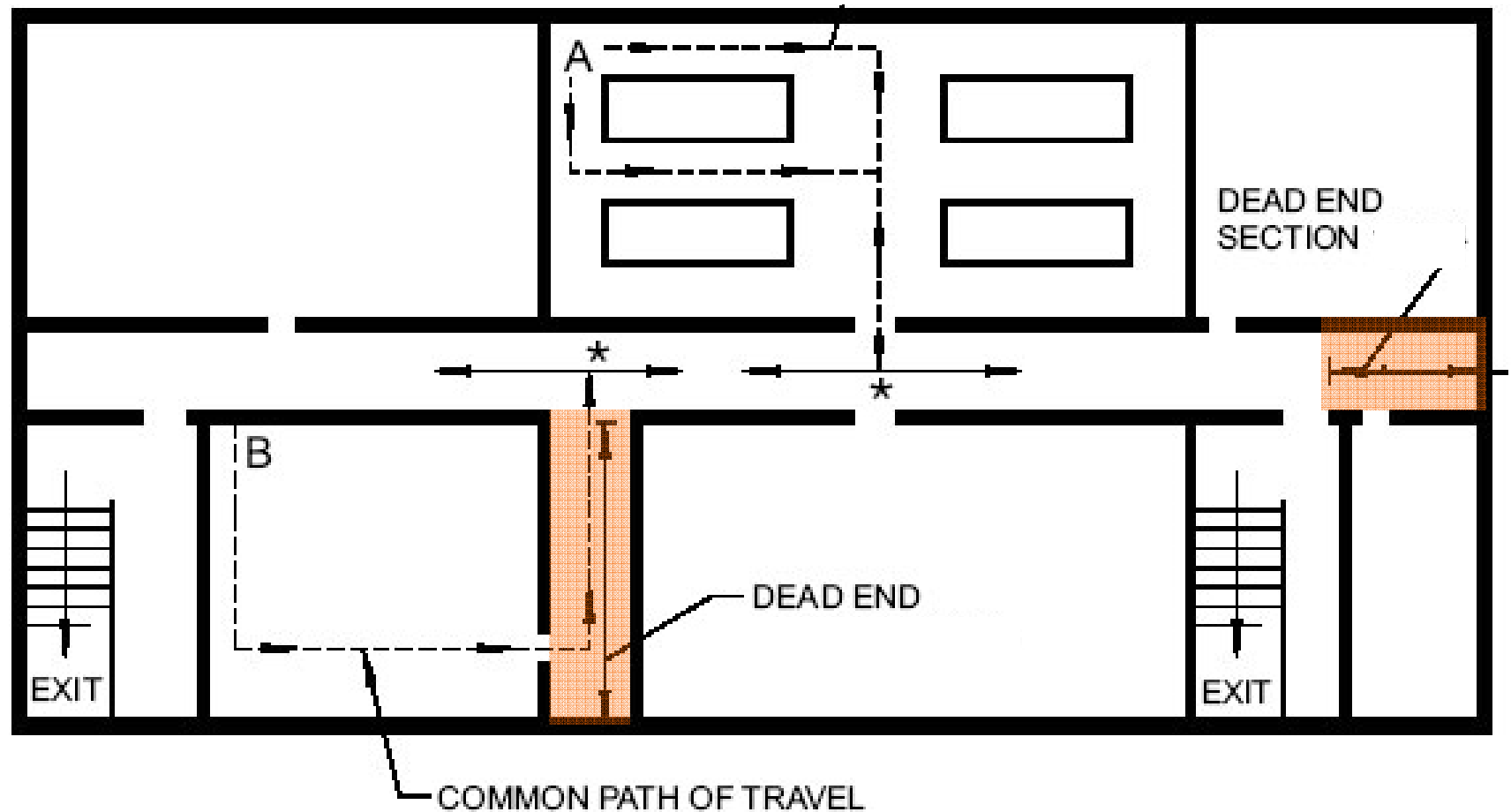
## Example from Existing Educational Chapter

**15.2.5.3.1** Common path of travel shall not exceed 100 ft (30 m) in a building protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.

**15.2.5.3.2** Common path of travel shall not exceed 75 ft (23 m) in a building not protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7.

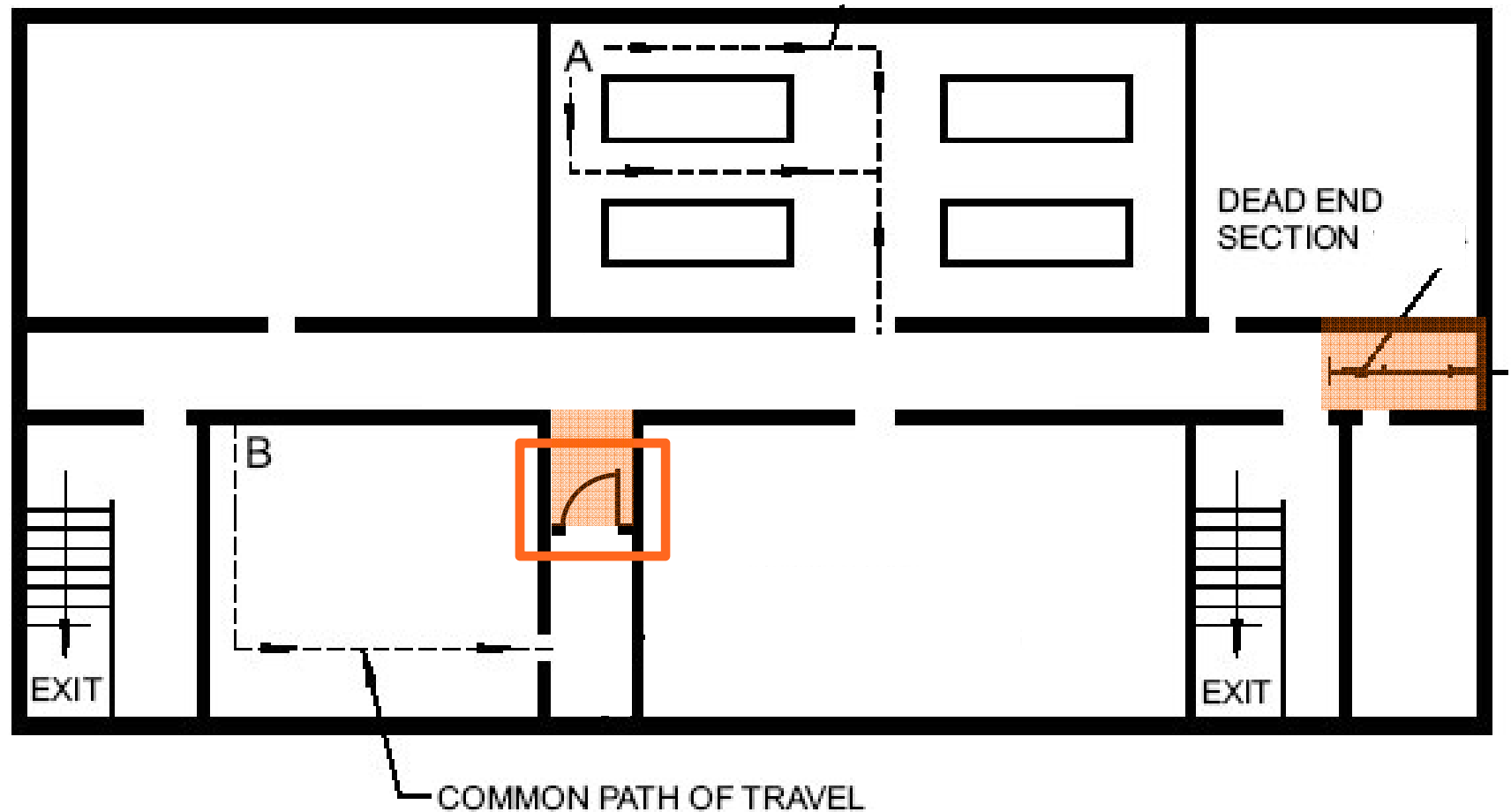
# Dead End Corridors

**Ex: 12.2.5.1.3** Dead-end corridors shall not exceed 20 ft (6100 mm).

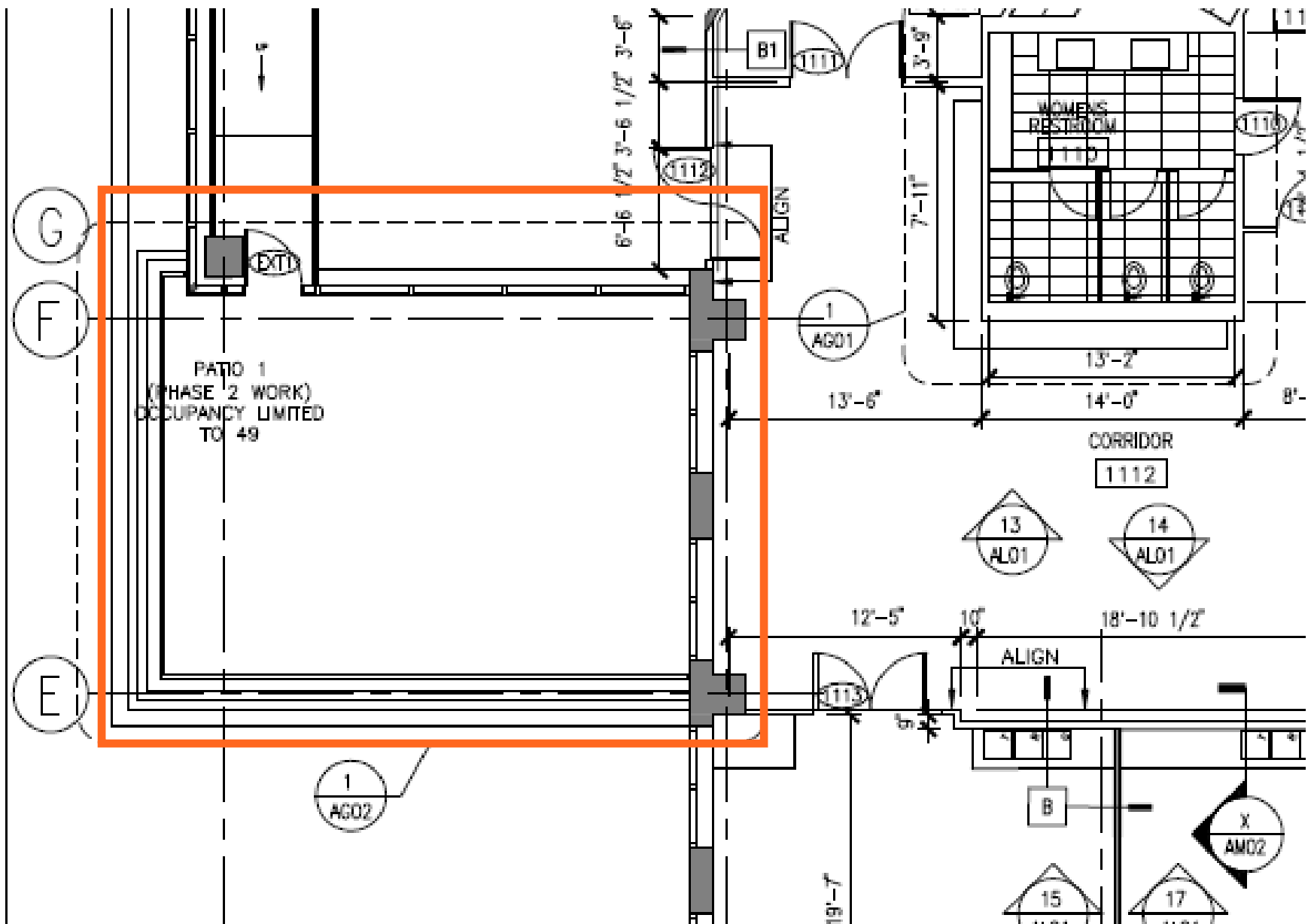


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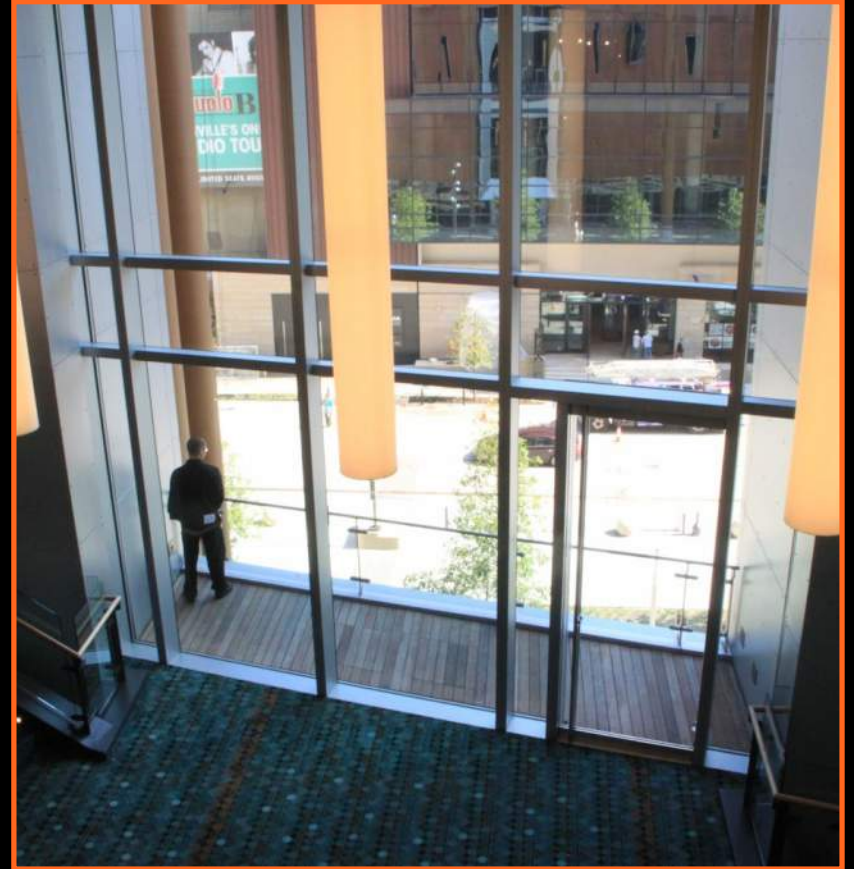
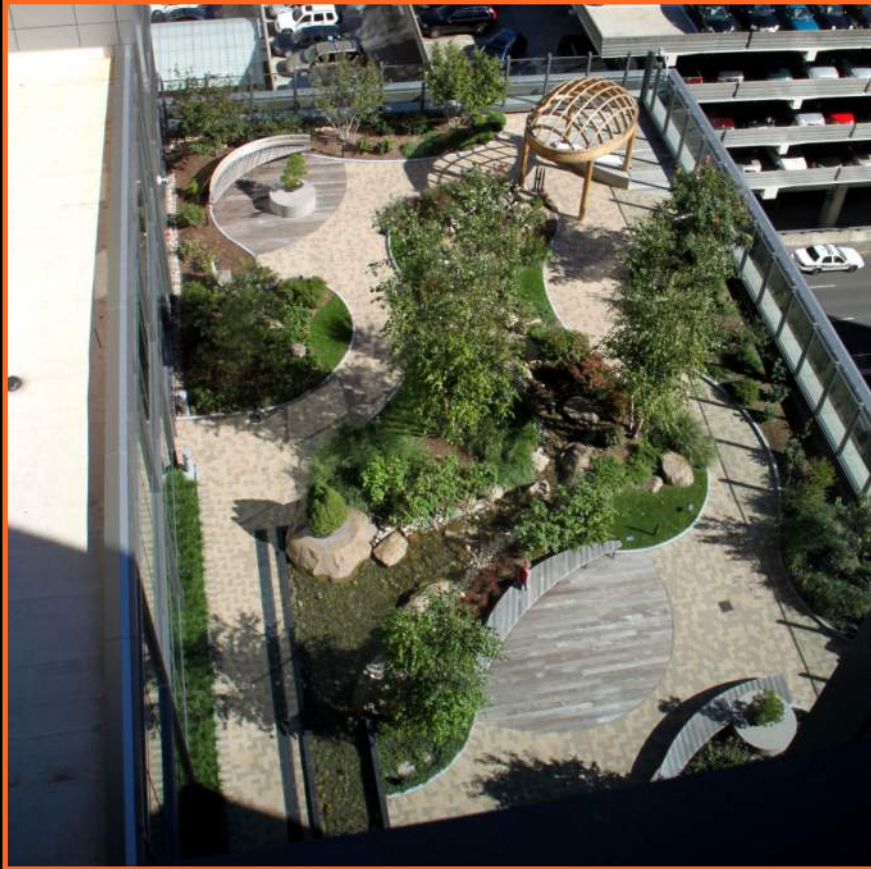
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# Courtyards, Terraces, and Roofs



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# Courtyards, Terraces, and Roofs



# Readily Distinguishable

- Means of egress doors must be visible.
  - No mirrors
  - No drapes
  - No decorations
- No invisible doors!



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ENGINE No. 7

EXIT







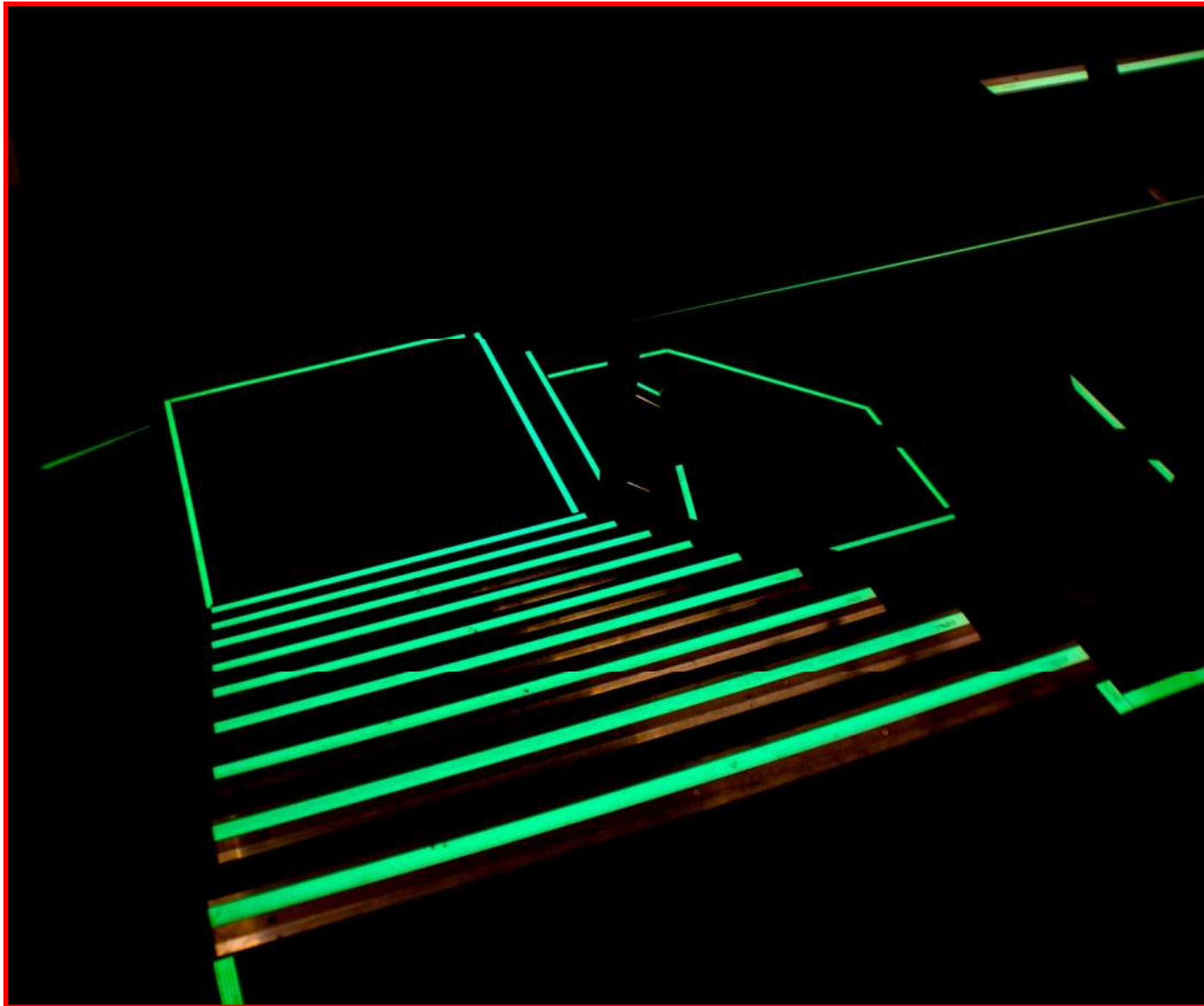
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# Luminous Egress Path Markings





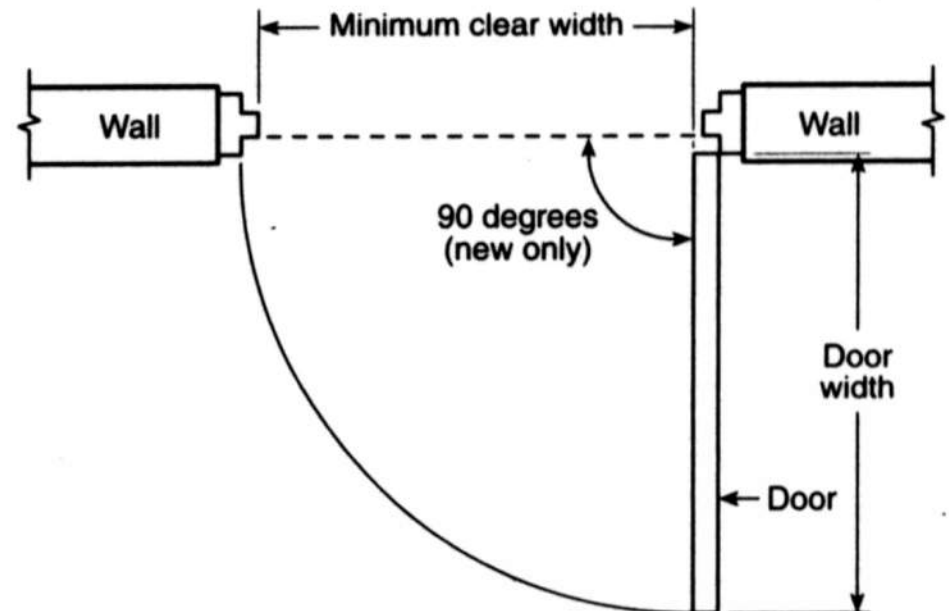
# Luminous Egress Path Markings

- Not currently required by NFPA 101 occupancy chapters
- Required by IBC in high-rise buildings in Group A – Assembly, B – Business, E – Educational, I – Institutional, M – Mercantile, and R-1 – Residential
- Typically required on exit discharge doors – not on doors leading to the exit.
- 1” stripe around frame
- Marking on or behind hardware
- “Exit” in bottom 18” of door
- Additional marking on stairs, walls, etc.



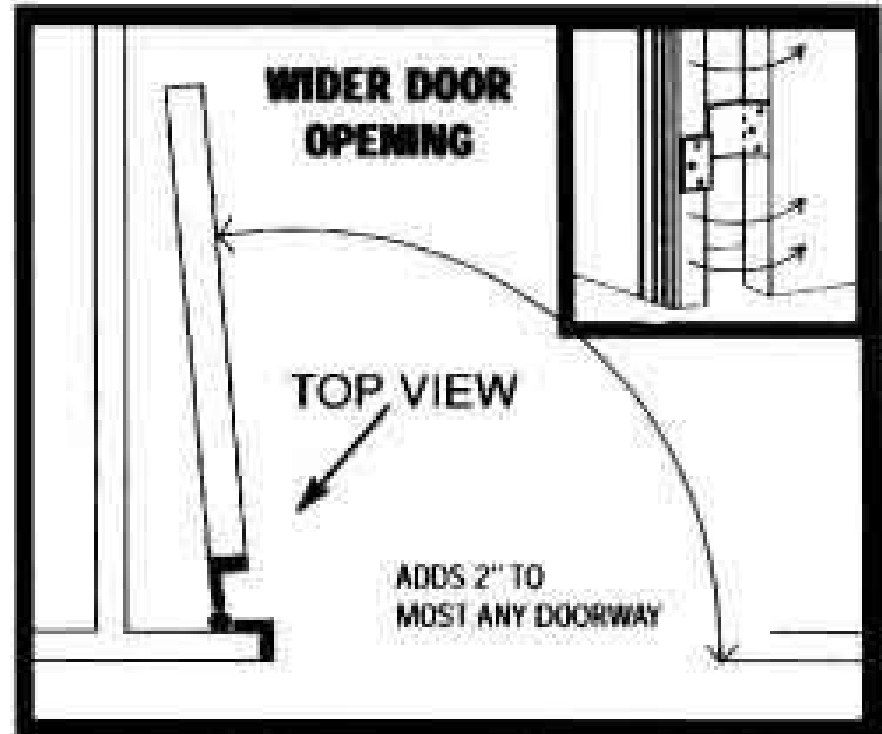
# Size of Doors

- 32" clear width minimum
  - Measured with door open to 90 degrees
  - Between the face of the door and the stop
  - At least one leaf of a pair must comply
- 48" wide nominal max. (IBC/IFC only – not NFPA 101)
- 80" high nominal min.
- 78" to the closer arm



# Swing Clear Hinges

- May be used to gain more clearance on existing openings.

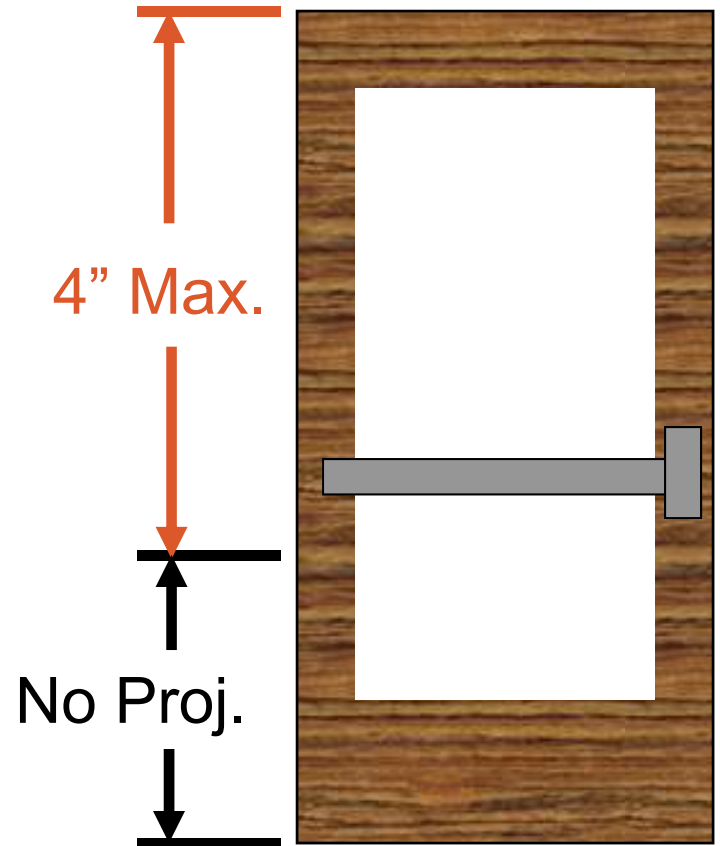






# Projections Into Clear Width (IBC)

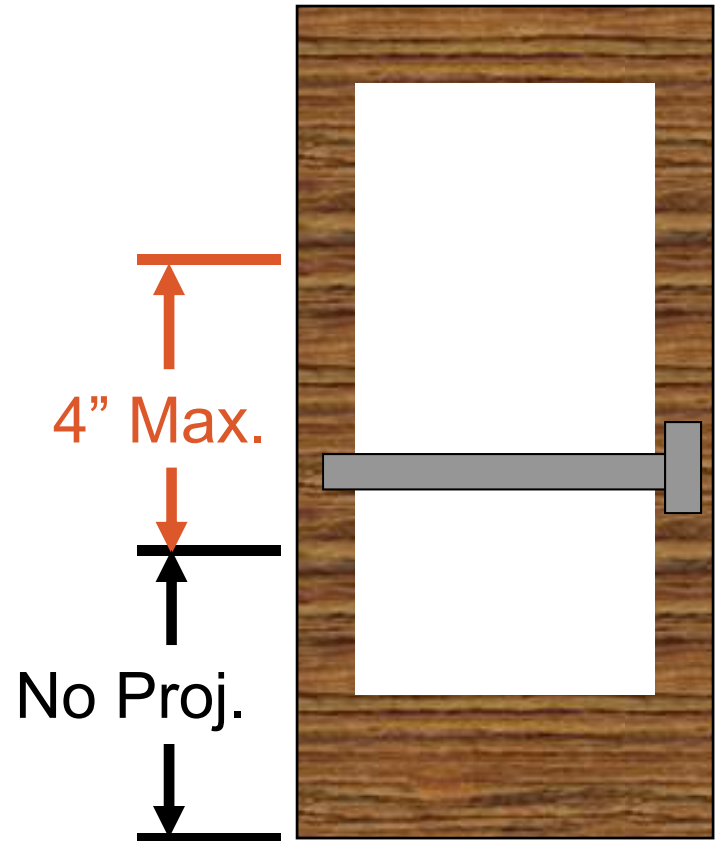
- No projections into the required clear opening width lower than 34" above the floor.
- Projections into the required clear opening width between 34" and 80" above the floor shall not exceed 4".





# Projections Into Clear Width (NFPA 101)

- NFPA 101 limits the 4" projections to 34"-48" above the floor, hinge side only, specifically to address panic hardware.



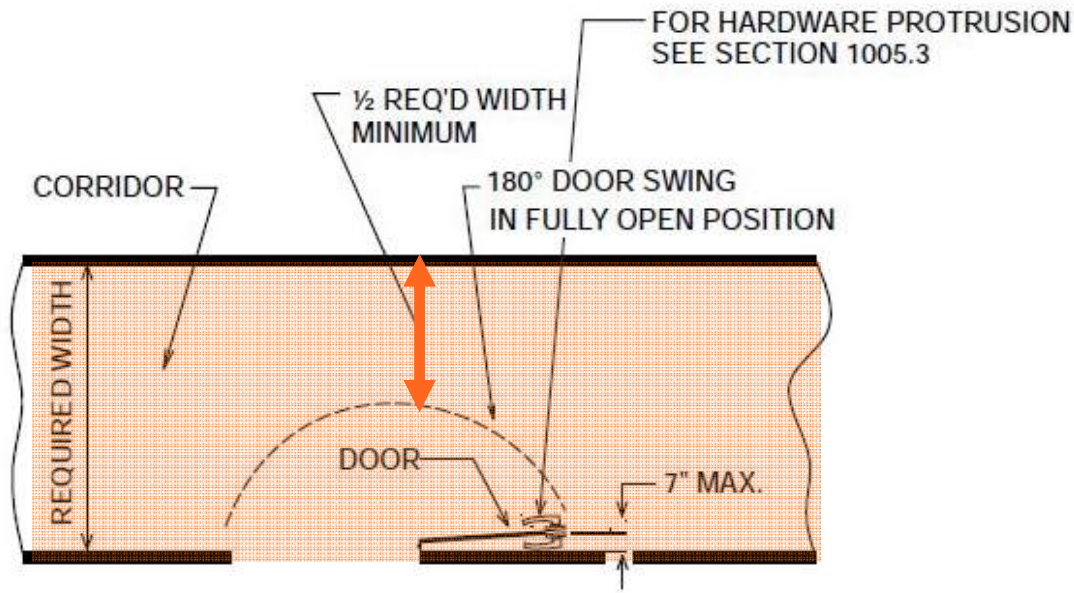
# Door Swing

- Egress doors shall be side-hinged swinging
- Exceptions – consult codes
- Swing in the direction of egress:
  - When serving an occupant load of 50 or more
  - Group H occupancy
  - When swinging into an exit enclosure (NFPA 101)



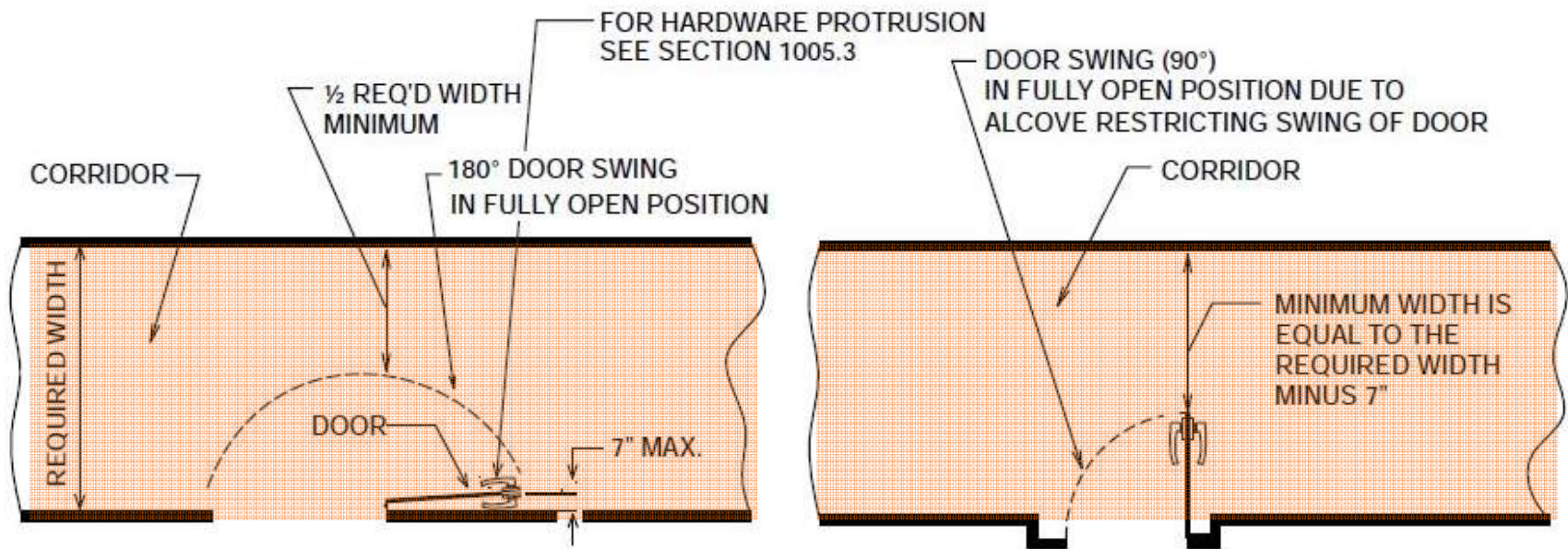
# Encroachment

- Required (corridor) width is calculated based on occupant load.
- Measurement Point 1: Must encroach no more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required (corridor) width at any point in door swing.



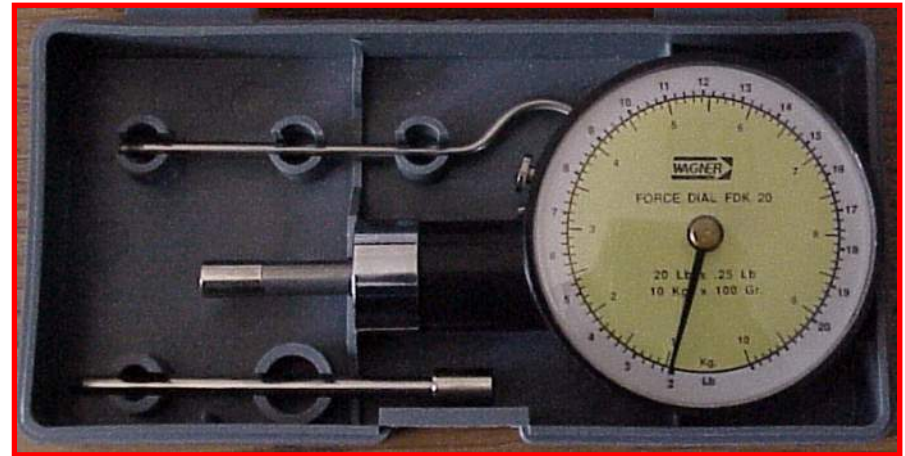
# Encroachment

- Measurement Point 2: 7" maximum encroachment on required minimum (corridor) width when door is fully open.
- Be careful of cushion closers and overhead stops.



# Door Opening Force

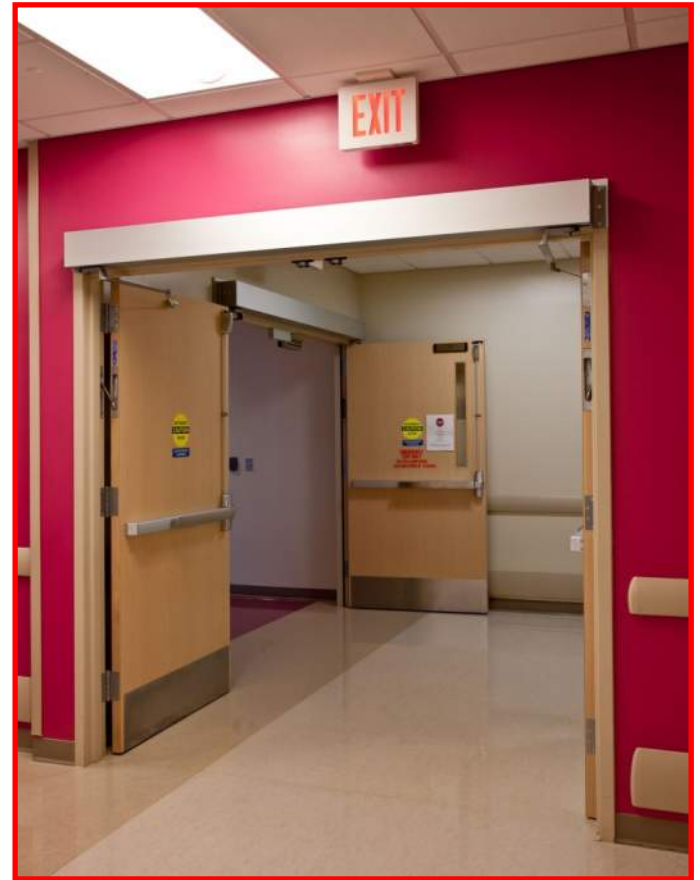
- Interior swinging egress doors (non-fire-rated) – 5 lbs
- Other swinging doors + sliding and folding
  - 15 pounds to release latch
  - 30 pounds to set the door in motion
  - 15 pounds to swing door to fully-open position





# Power-Operated Doors

- In the event of a power failure:
  - 15 pounds to release latch
  - 50 pounds to set door in motion
  - 15 pounds to open to fully-open position
- Full-Power Operated - A156.10
- Power-Assist and Low Energy - A156.19

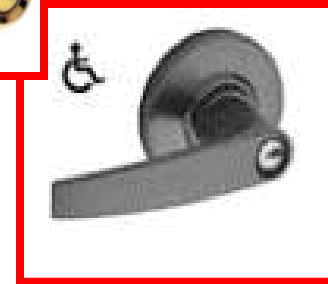


# Hardware

- Easy to grasp
- Operable with one hand
- No tight grasping
- No tight pinching
- No twisting of the wrist



**YES!**



**NO!**

# Hardware Height

- Operating Devices
  - 34" minimum AFF
  - 48" maximum AFF
  - Locks used only for security purposes – any height

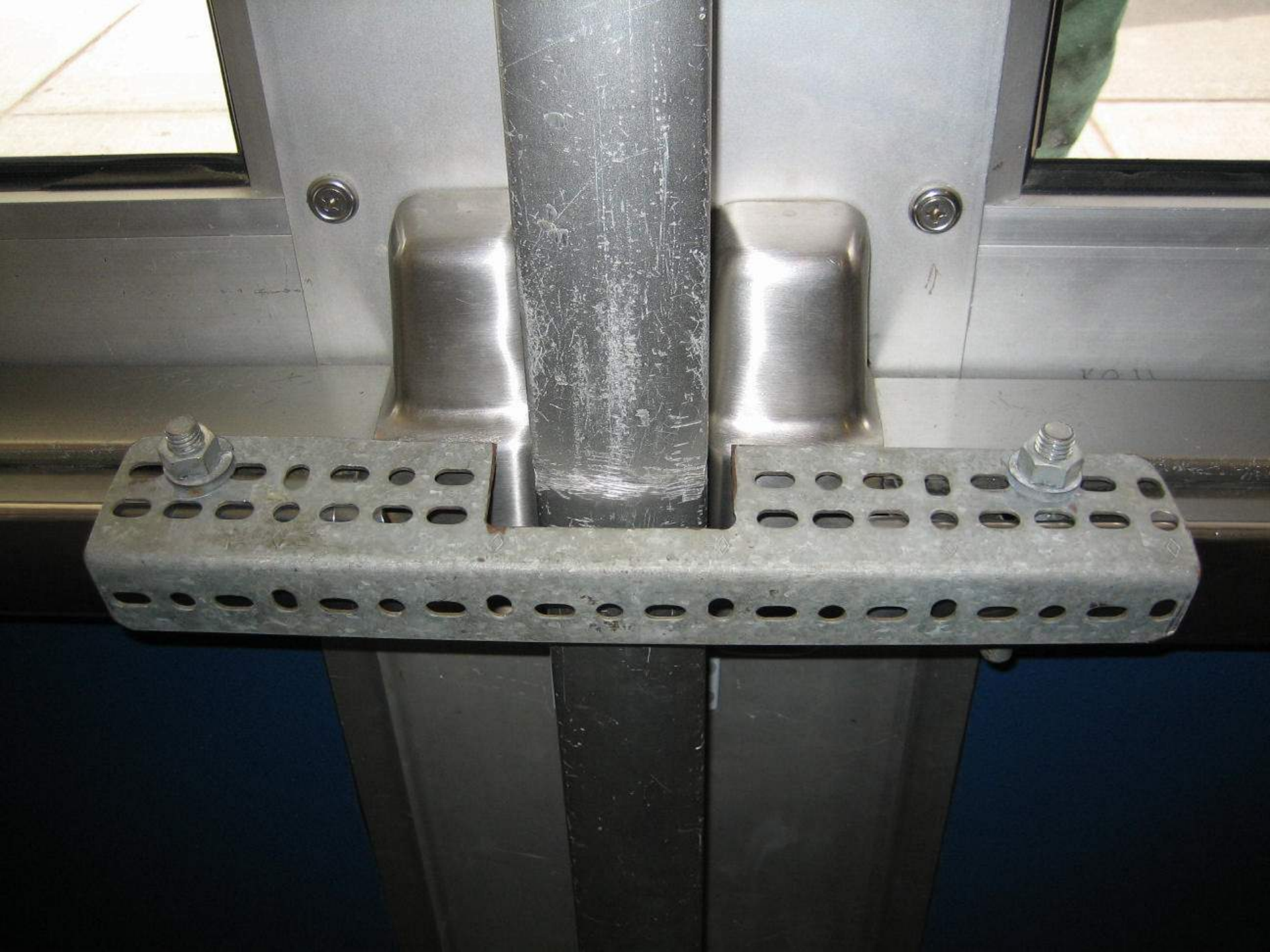


# Door Operation

- Readily openable
- No key or special knowledge or effort (with exceptions)







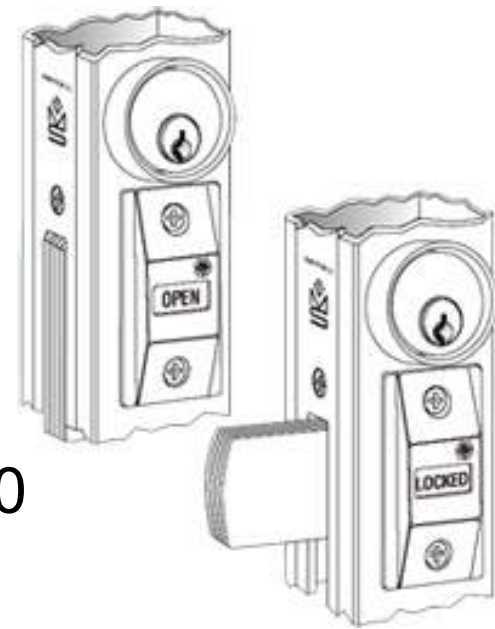






# Locks & Latches

- Permitted to prevent operation of doors where any of the following exists:
  - Places of detention or restraint
  - Use Group A with an occupant load of 300 or less, Groups B, F, M, and S, and in churches
    - Main ~~exterior~~ door(s)
    - Key-operated locking from egress side
    - Locking device readily distinguishable as locked
    - Signage on or adjacent to door
    - Revocable by the building official for cause



**THIS DOOR MUST  
REMAIN UNLOCKED  
WHEN BUILDING IS  
OCCUPIED**

# Unlatching

- Unlatching any leaf shall not require more than 1 operation



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EXIT

NO  
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UPON EXIT

ALARM  
IS ON



EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY  
PUSH HERE  
ALARM WILL SOUND





**EXIT**

**EMERGENCY  
EXIT**

**SECURED AREA  
AUTHORIZED  
PERSONNEL  
ONLY**



**WATCH YOUR STEP**

**EMERGENCY EXIT  
DO NOT ENTER**

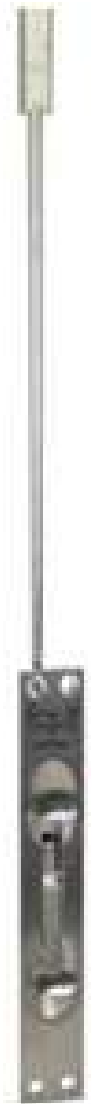


# Unlatching

- Unlatching any leaf shall not require more than 1 operation
- Exceptions:
  - Places of detention or restraint
  - Locations where manual flush bolts are allowed
  - Automatic flush bolts – no dummy trim
  - Individual dwelling units and guestrooms of Group R occupancies

# Bolt Locks (IBC)

- Manual flush bolts or surface bolts not permitted
- Exceptions:
  - Doors not required for egress in dwelling units.
  - Storage or equipment rooms.
  - Group B, F, or S occupancy with an occupant load of less than 50.
  - Group B, F, or S occupancy where inactive leaf is not needed to meet egress width requirements and building is fully sprinklered.
  - Pairs at hospital patient rooms may have constant latching bolts.
  - No dummy hardware on inactive leaf.



# Dwelling Units

- Individual dwelling or sleeping units of Group R occupancies with an occupant load of 10 or less, **one** additional releasing operation (may vary by local code)
  - Nightlatch
  - Deadbolt
  - Security chain
  - No key or tool needed on egress side





# Classroom Security

- There are dozens of classroom security “inventions” that are being used to secure doors.
- Most of these devices are not code-compliant, and the codes do not currently reduce life-safety requirements in an intruder situation.



# Classroom Security

- Unauthorized lockdown is an even more imminent risk.
  - Office function locks, thumbturn deadbolts, surface bolts, accessories
- There are **HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS** of crimes committed in schools each year – assaults, vandalism, theft, sexual assault.
- Facilities could be held liable.



# Classroom Security

- **My** criteria for evaluating a classroom security device:
  - It must not violate code requirements for free egress - one operation to unlatch.
  - It must not inhibit latching if the door is a fire door.
  - It must not allow unauthorized locking which could encourage mischief and/or criminal behavior.
  - It must be readily available and easy to install if needed.
- It must allow staff / first responder access from the ingress side.



# Classroom Security

- Some AHJs will not allow the use of accessory locking products.
- Some jurisdictions are considering code changes that would allow special locking methods to be used in an intruder situation.



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## Fire Safety and Proper Classroom Door Locks

It has come to our attention that some schools are considering manual door blocking/jamming locks and restraints in addition to standard door locks to impede intruders in school buildings. **These types of devices are NOT allowed in NYS Schools.**

Please note the following two NYS Codes:

- **NYS Fire Code - 1008.1.8 Door Operation:** Except as specifically permitted by this section egress doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.
- **NYS Education Department Manual of Planning Standards Code - S105-1 Door Hardware for Classrooms and Other Spaces of Pupil Occupancy:**  
Hardware on doors from spaces of pupil occupancy shall be a type which will always permit the door to be opened from the inside without direct manipulation of any type locking device.

We recommend mechanical (key operated) classroom intruder locks which expands the classroom function lock by incorporating double lock cylinder control, enabling a teacher to lock the lock and secure the door from within the classroom. ***This feature always allows egress while leaving the outside lever locked.***

For more information contact Thomas Robert, Fire Safety Coordinator, at 518-474-3906 or [trobert@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:trobert@mail.nysed.gov).

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# IBC 2018 Code Change Proposal

## Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association (BHMA)

**1010.1.4.4 Occupancy Group E classrooms.** In Occupancy Group E, classroom doors shall be lockable from within the classroom without opening the classroom door. All the following conditions shall apply:

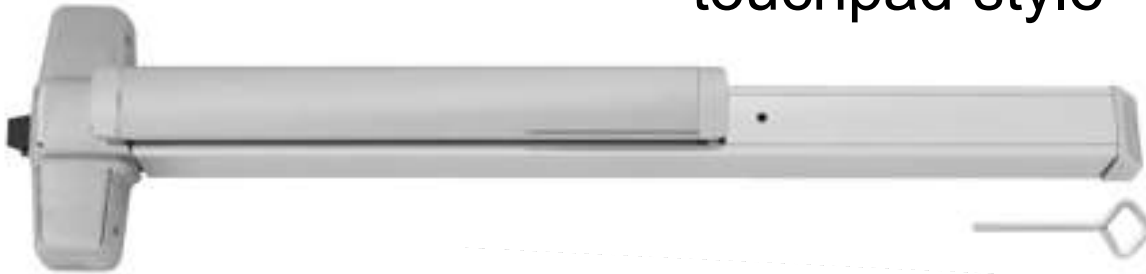
- The classroom door shall be unlockable and openable from within the classroom and shall comply with Section 1010.1.9.
- The classroom door shall be unlockable and openable from outside the classroom by the use of a key or other credential.

**1010.1.4.4.1 Remote operation of locks.** Remote operation of locks complying with 1010.1.4.4 shall be permitted.



# Panic and Fire Exit Hardware

touchpad style



crossbar style

# Panic and Fire Exit Hardware

## IBC 2006, 2009, 2012

- Educational and Assembly Occupancies with an occupant load of **50 or more**
- All High Hazard Occupancies

## IBC 2000, 2003

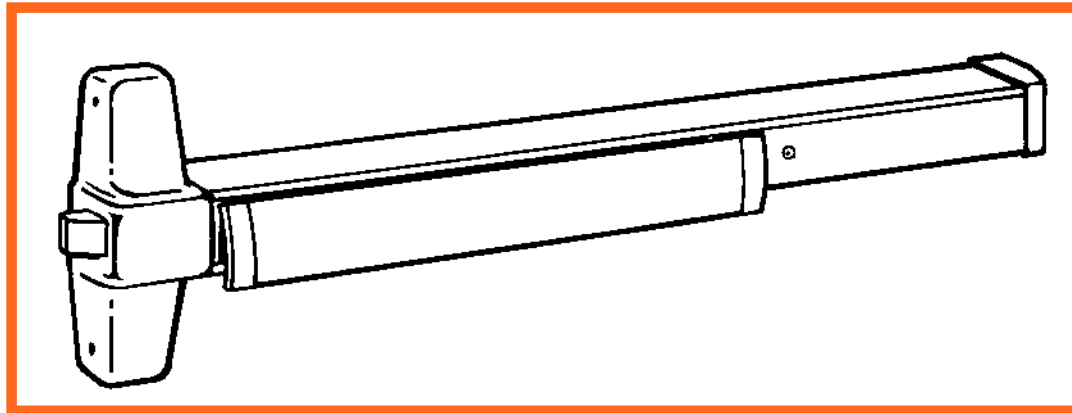
- Educational and Assembly Occupancies with an occupant load of **100 or more**
- Some High Hazard Occupancies

## NFPA 101 (all)

- Educational, Assembly, and Day Care Occupancies with an occupant load of **100 or more**
- Some High Hazard Occupancies

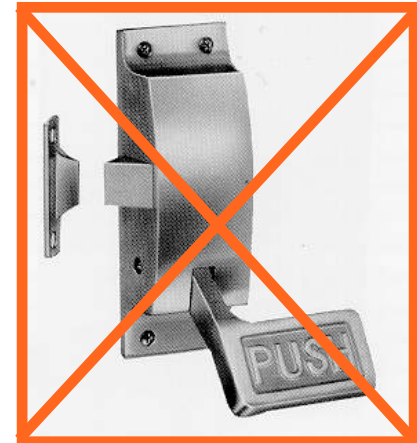
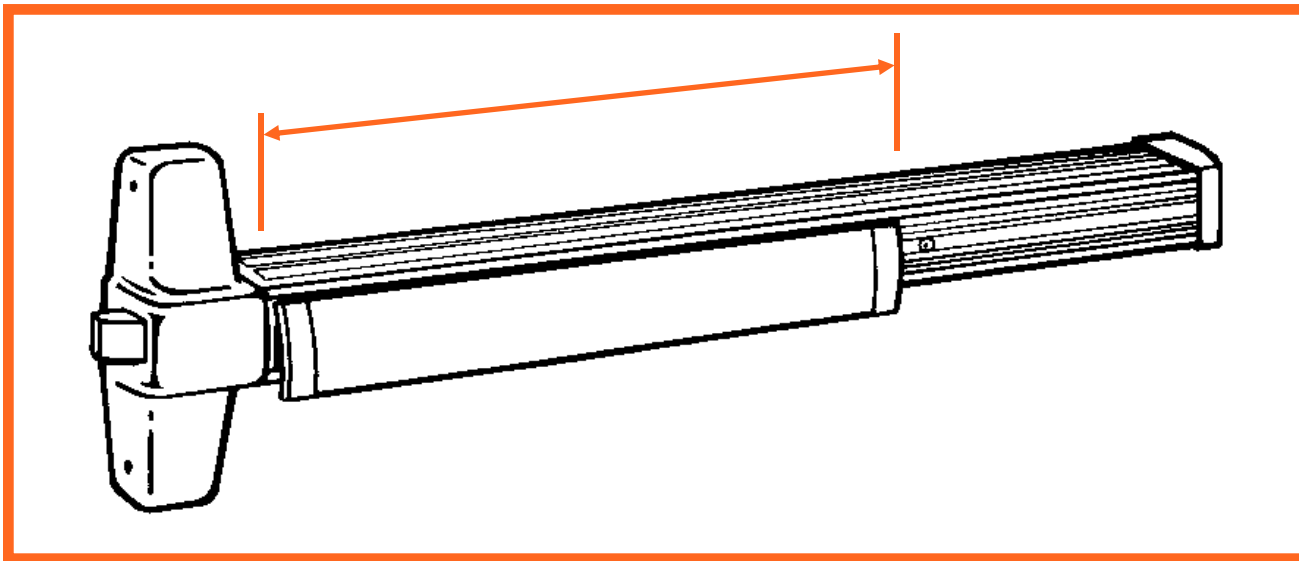
# Panic and Fire Exit Hardware

- Requirement for panic hardware applies to means of egress doors in these occupancy types which latch or lock.



# Panic and Fire Exit Hardware

- Where panic hardware is required, actuating portion of device (touch-pad or cross-bar) must be at least half the width of the door.









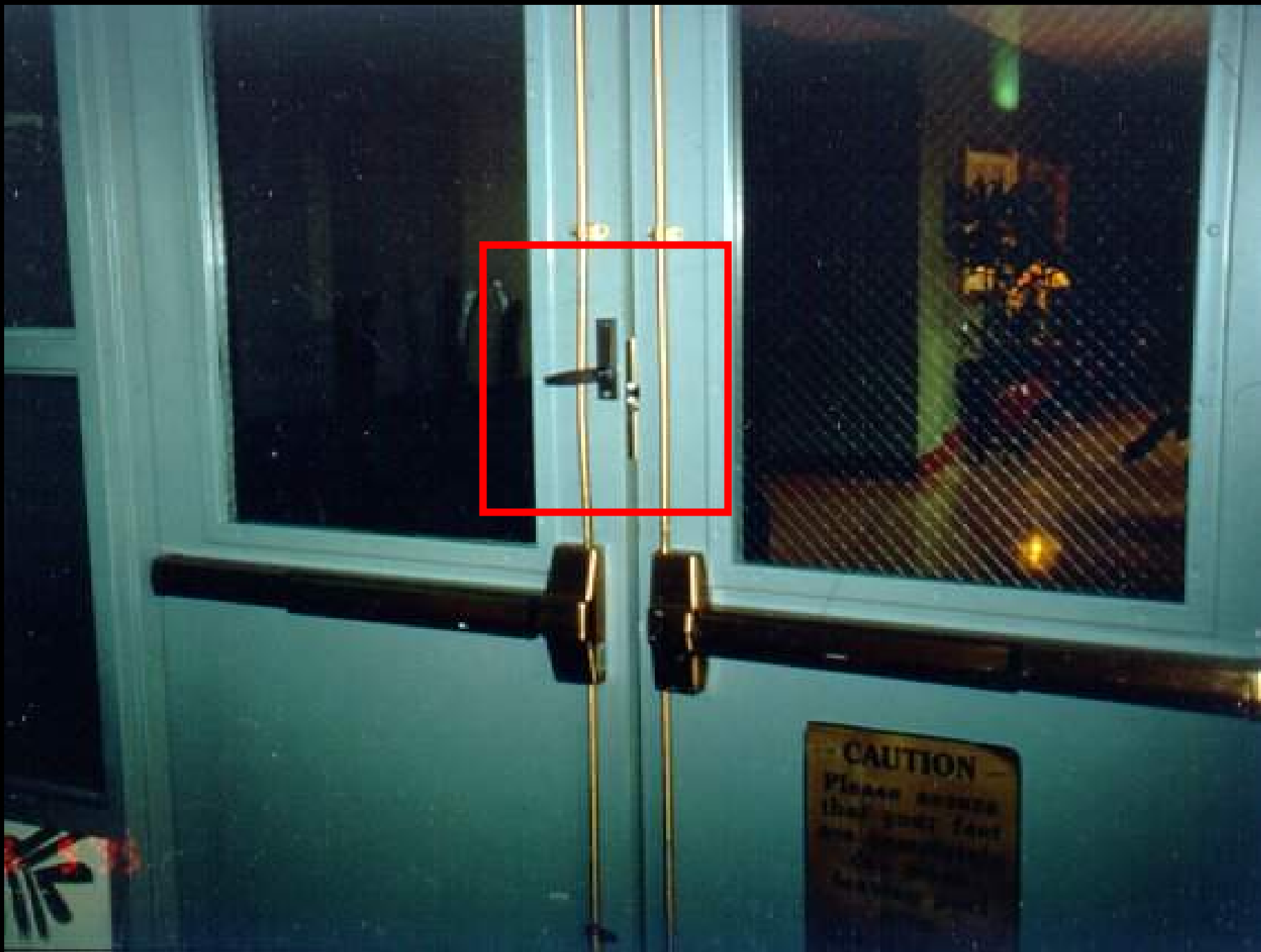
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# Panic and Fire Exit Hardware

- 15 pounds of force maximum to actuate
- One operation to unlatch - no other locking/latching hardware







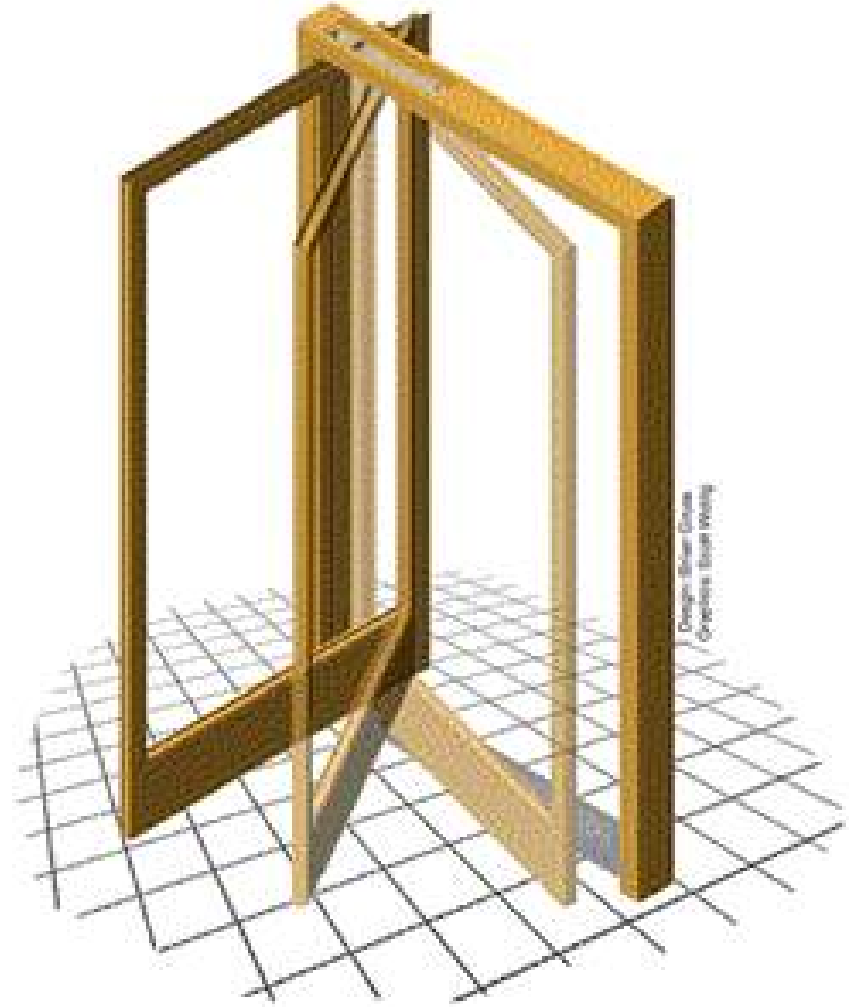






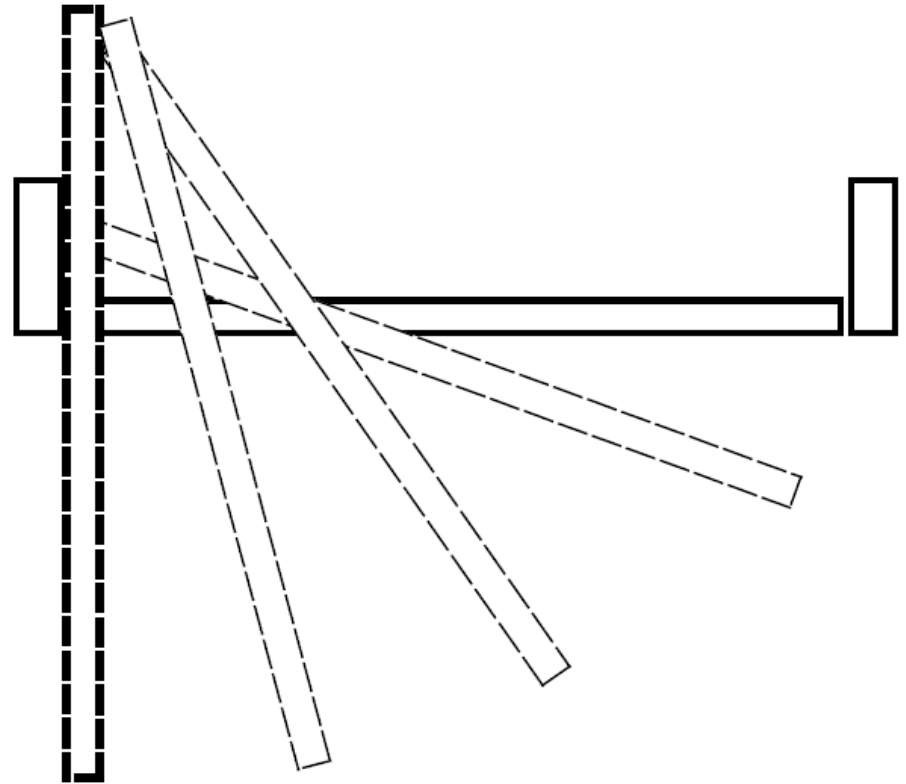
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# NFPA 70

## National Electric Code

- Rooms housing conductors and equipment used on circuits of over 600 Volts, nominal.
- Rooms housing large equipment - 600 Volts, nominal or less, 800 amperes or more (1200 amps prior to 2014)
- Battery Rooms (Transformer Vaults prior to 2014)
- Where the entrance has a personnel door(s), the door(s) shall open in the direction of egress and be equipped with **listed panic hardware** (prior to 2014: “panic bars, pressure plates, or other devices that are normally latched but open under simple pressure”)

# Glass and Glazing

- Glass in fire doors was once exempt from impact-resistant requirements.
- Glass in fire doors is no longer exempt per the IBC.
- Traditional wired glass is extremely hazardous.
- There is A LOT more information about glass on iDigHardware (click the Glass tab)





## Session 3 – Life Safety

- IBC – NFPA 101 – IFC
- Occupancy Types – Use Groups
- Occupied vs. Unoccupied
- Opening Protectives
- Means of Egress
  - travel distance, common path of travel, dead end corridors
  - clear width, projections, and door swing
  - opening force and auto operators
  - unlatching, bolts, hardware operation and height
  - panic hardware



# Questions?

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