

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 9 FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS

### SECTION 914 EMERGENCY RESPONDER SAFETY FEATURES

#### [F] 914.1 Shaftway markings.

Vertical *shafts* shall be identified as required by [Sections 914.1.1](#) and [914.1.2](#).

#### [F] 914.1.1 Exterior access to shaftways.

Outside openings accessible to the fire department and that open directly on a hoistway or shaftway communicating between two or more floors in a building shall be plainly marked with the word "SHAFTWAY" in red letters not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high on a white background. Such warning signs shall be placed so as to be readily discernible from the outside of the building.

#### [F] 914.1.2 Interior access to shaftways.

Door or window openings to a hoistway or shaftway from the interior of the building shall be plainly marked with the word "SHAFTWAY" in red letters not less than 6 inches (152 mm) high on a white background. Such warning signs shall be placed so as to be readily discernible.

**Exception:** Markings shall not be required on shaftway openings that are readily discernible as openings onto a shaftway by the construction or arrangement.

#### [F] 914.2 Equipment room identification.

Fire protection equipment shall be identified in an *approved* manner. Rooms containing controls for air-conditioning systems, sprinkler risers and valves or other fire detection, suppression or control elements shall be identified for the use of the fire department. *Approved* signs required to identify fire protection equipment and equipment location shall be constructed of durable materials, permanently installed and readily visible.