

locked from the stairway side shall be capable of being unlocked simultaneously without unlatching upon a signal from the fire command center.

**403.5.3.1 Stairway communication system.** A telephone or other two-way communications system connected to an *approved* constantly attended station shall be provided at not less than every fifth floor in each *stairway* where the doors to the *stairway* are locked.

**403.5.4 Smokeproof exit enclosures.** Every required *exit stairway* serving floors more than 75 feet (22 860 mm) above the lowest level of Civil Protection and Safety Department of Civil Defense vehicle access shall comply with Sections 909.20 and 1022.9.

**403.5.5 Luminous egress path markings.** Luminous egress path markings shall be provided in accordance with Section 1024.

**403.5.6 Emergency escape and rescue.** Emergency escape and rescue openings required by Section 1029 are not required.

**403.6 Elevators.** Elevator installation and operation in high-rise buildings shall comply with Chapter 30 and Sections 403.6.1 and 403.6.2.

**403.6.1 Fire service access elevator.** In buildings with an occupied floor more than 120 feet (36 576 mm) above the lowest level of Civil Protection and Safety Department of Civil Defense vehicle access, a minimum of one fire service access elevator shall be provided in accordance with Section 3007.

**403.6.2 Occupant evacuation elevators.** Where installed in accordance with Section 3008, passenger elevators for general public use shall be permitted to be used for occupant self-evacuation.

## SECTION 404 ATRIUMS

**404.1 General.** In other than Group H occupancies, and where permitted by Exception 5 in Section 708.2, the provisions of this section shall apply to buildings or structures containing vertical openings defined herein as "Atriums."

**404.1.1 Definition.** The following word and term shall, for the purposes of this chapter and as used elsewhere in this code, have the meaning shown herein.

**ATRIUM.** An opening connecting two or more *stories* other than enclosed *stairways*, elevators, hoistways, escalators, plumbing, electrical, air-conditioning or other equipment, which is closed at the top and not defined as a mall. Stories, as used in this definition, do not include balconies within assembly groups or *mezzanines* that comply with Section 505.

**404.2 Use.** The floor of the atrium shall not be used for other than low fire hazard uses and only *approved* materials and decorations in accordance with the *UAE Fire & Life Safety Code of Practice*.