

1028.2 Assembly main exit. Group A occupancies and assembly occupancies accessory to Group E occupancies that have an *occupant load* of greater than 300 shall be provided with a main *exit*. The main *exit* shall be of sufficient width to accommodate not less than one-half of the *occupant load*, but such width shall not be less than the total required width of all *means of egress* leading to the *exit*. Where the building is classified as a Group A occupancy, the main *exit* shall front on at least one street or an unoccupied space of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) in width that adjoins a street or *public way*.

Exception: In assembly occupancies where there is no well-defined main *exit* or where multiple main *exits* are provided, *exits* shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building provided that the total width of egress is not less than 100 percent of the required width.

1028.3 Assembly other exits. In addition to having access to a main *exit*, each level in Group A occupancies or assembly occupancies accessory to Group E occupancies having an *occupant load* greater than 300, shall be provided with additional *means of egress* that shall provide an egress capacity for at least one-half of the total *occupant load* served by that level and comply with Section 1015.2.

Exception: In assembly occupancies where there is no well-defined main *exit* or where multiple main *exits* are provided, *exits* shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building, provided that the total width of egress is not less than 100 percent of the required width.

1028.4 Foyers and lobbies. In Group A-1 occupancies, where persons are admitted to the building at times when seats are not available, such persons shall be allowed to wait in a lobby or similar space, provided such lobby or similar space shall not encroach upon the required clear width of the *means of egress*. Such foyer, if not directly connected to a public street by all the main entrances or *exits*, shall have a straight and unobstructed *corridor* or path of travel to every such main entrance or *exit*.

1028.5 Interior balcony and gallery means of egress. For balconies, galleries or press boxes having a seating capacity of 50 or more located in Group A occupancies, at least two *means of egress* shall be provided, with one from each side of every balcony, gallery or press box and at least one leading directly to an *exit*.

1028.5.1 Enclosure of openings. *Interior stairways* and other vertical openings shall be enclosed in an *exit enclosure* as provided in Section 1022.1, except that *stairways* are permitted to be open between the balcony, gallery or press box and the main assembly floor in occupancies such as theaters, *places of religious worship*, auditoriums and sports facilities. At least one *accessible means of egress* is required from a balcony, gallery or press box level containing accessible seating locations in accordance with Section 1007.3 or 1007.4.

1028.6 Width of means of egress for assembly. The clear width of *aisles* and other *means of egress* shall comply with Section 1028.6.1 where *smoke-protected seating* is not provided and with Section 1028.6.2 or 1028.6.3 where *smoke-protected seating* is provided. The clear width shall be measured to walls, edges of seating and tread edges except for permitted projections.