

3.10. Exit Discharge

3.10.1. Exit discharge or Discharge from exit is defined as providing building occupants with a safe path of travel from an exit to a public way.

3.10.2. Exits shall terminate directly, at a public way or at an exterior exit discharge, unless otherwise provided in **Table 3.12.**

3.10.3. Exit Discharge in means of egress shall comply with **Table 3.1** and **Table 3.12.**

Table 3.12.: Exit Discharge

ITEMS	REQUIREMENTS
1. NUMBER OF DIRECT DISCHARGE EXITS TO OUTSIDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. For sprinkler protected buildings, minimum of 50 % of the required number of exits, and minimum of 50 % of the required egress capacity, shall discharge directly to the outside of the building through yards, courts, open spaces or similar spaces to open to sky, leading to public way or directly to a public way. ii. For non-sprinklered buildings, 100% of the required number of exits, and 100% of the required egress capacity, shall discharge directly to outside the building through yards, courts, open spaces or similar spaces to open to sky, leading to public way or directly to a public way
2. DISCHARGE THROUGH INTERIOR OF BUILDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In sprinklered buildings, not more than 50% of the required number of exit, and not more than 50% of required exit capacities are permitted to discharge through interior building areas such as lobbies and corridors. ii. The interior exit discharge shall lead to a free and unobstructed way to the exterior of the building, and such way shall be readily visible and identifiable from the point of discharge from the exit.
3. LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Direct discharge shall be directly towards the public way and not at the back of the building where occupants still need to travel across the building exterior to reach point of safety of public way.
4. DISTANCE BETWEEN POINTS OF EXIT DISCHARGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In sprinklered buildings, distance between point of exit discharges to outside shall not be less than 1/3 (One-third) of the largest measurement of building diagonal distance. ii. In non-sprinklered buildings, distance between point of exit discharges to outside shall not be less than 1/2 (One-half) of the largest measurement of building diagonal distance. iii. Exit discharges shall not be next to each other with common walls or fire walls. The points of Exit Discharges shall be separated from each other by a distance as per 3.12.4.i and ii.
5. PROTECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An exit passageway that serves as a discharge from a stair enclosure shall be separated from other parts of the building by construction having the same fire resistance rating as those required for the stair enclosure. ii. Areas having exit discharge through interior building spaces shall be protected with sprinklers. iii. The entire area on the level of discharge shall be separated from areas below by construction having a fire resistance rating not less than that required for the exit enclosure. iv. Levels below the level of discharge in an atrium shall be permitted to be open to the level of discharge where such level of discharge is protected by sprinklers, fire rated construction and smoke partitions or an engineered smoke control system.