

2. Exit Signs

2.1. Intention

- 2.1.1.** The provisions of this chapter require that all exits and exit routes in a facility be identified and marked with visible and tactile signs to enable people find their way out during fire emergencies.
- 2.1.2.** Such exit signs and directional marking sizes, locations and maximum distance of signs shall be specified as per this chapter.

2.2. General

- 2.2.1.** In all buildings, except for One-and-Two-Family Dwelling, every exit on every floor shall be clearly indicated by an exit sign placed over the exit door. Such signs shall be placed so as to be clearly visible at all times.
- 2.2.2.** The route to such emergency exit shall be identified with directional signs to indicate the path and direction to exits.
- 2.2.3.** Exits signs are required to be illuminated – either internally or externally – while the building has normal electrical power and the building is occupied.
- 2.2.4.** The Exit sign must be illuminated and clearly visible at all times the building is occupied.
- 2.2.5.** During loss of power in the building, the exit signs shall be illuminated using building emergency power or building emergency lighting or Signs shall be Photoluminescent where upon loss of power, the signs are re-illuminated and clearly visible.
- 2.2.6.** The requirements of this chapter are minimum guidelines. It is consultant's responsibility to refer to the international codes, standards and Civil Defence signage practices that this chapter is based on, for clear understanding of signage requirements, visibility of signage, location of signage, illumination of signage etc.
- 2.2.7.** Codes, Standards and documents referred for this chapter are **NFPA 101, NFPA 110, NFPA 111, NFPA 170, NFPA 70, ISO 3864, Civil Defence evacuation policies and signage.**

Did You Know?

A Code complaint Exit Signs and Directional Exit Signs in a building are not only important for occupant evacuation, but equally important for fire fighters and rescue teams, who are new to facility, to locate exits, elevators, equipment swiftly in smoke clogged environment.