

Table 3.4: Stair

ITEMS	REQUIREMENTS
<b>12. STAIR AND FLOOR SIGNAGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Every building shall be provided with a signage, indicating the floor level, wing of the building if any, and direction of egress.</li> <li>ii. Signage shall be in English and Arabic.</li> <li>iii. Signage shall be provided inside the stair enclosure at floor landings (Not mid landings), clearly visible for stair users and shall be located a minimum of 1220 mm above the floor landing, and the top of the signage shall be located a maximum of 2135 mm above the floor landing.</li> <li>iv. Lettering shall be a minimum of 25 mm high.</li> <li>v. Signage shall not be provided on the door leaf.</li> </ul>
<b>13. TREAD MARKING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Where contrasting marking is applied to stairs, such marking shall comply with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Exit stair treads shall incorporate a marking strip that is applied as a paint/coating or be a material that is integral with the nosing of each step.</li> <li>b. Surface-applied marking strips using adhesive-backed tapes shall not be used.</li> <li>c. The marking strip shall be installed along the horizontal leading edge of the step and shall extend the full width of the step.</li> <li>d. The marking strip shall have a minimum horizontal width of 25 mm and a maximum width of 51 mm.</li> <li>e. The marking strip shall be not more than 13 mm from the leading edge of each step and shall not overlap the leading edge of the step by more than 13 mm down the vertical face of the step.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Figure 3.9.: Stair Signage

## Points to Ponder

### FLOOR THE 13<sup>th</sup> !

Many of the building owners do not want to name 13th floor in their building. Many of the buyers do not buy units on 13th floor. Floor signage after 12th floor is labeled as 14th floor.

Civil Defence strongly object to this practice and recommends naming all floors appropriately in sequence, not to hamper rescue and fire fighting operations.