

## EGRESS & STAIR IDENTIFICATION SIGNAGE GUIDELINES

Three signs are required inside stairwells to meet various code conditions. Codes and standards overlap, but essentially require the same (3) elements:

### 2009 ANSI 117.1 | 504.9 Stair Level Identification.

Stair level identification signs in raised characters and braille complying with Sections 703.3 and 703.4 shall be located at each floor level landing in all enclosed stairways adjacent to the door leading from the stairwell into the corridor to identify the floor level.

The exit door discharging to the outside or to the level of exit discharge shall have a sign with raised characters and braille stating "EXIT".

ADA 216.4.1: Doors at exit passageways, exit discharge, and exit stairway shall be identified by tactile signs complying with 703.1, 703.2, and 703.5.



### 2018 NFPA Lifesafety 101 NFPA 7.2.2.5.4 Stairway Identification.

7.2.2.5.4.1 New enclosed stairs serving three or more stories and existing enclosed stairs, other than those addressed in 7.2.2.5.4.1(P), serving five or more stories shall comply with 7.2.2.5.4.1(A) through 7.2.2.5.4.1(O).

(A) The stairs shall be provided with special signage within the enclosure at each floor landing.

IFC 1023.9.1 (2) Signs shall be a minimum size of 18 inches (457 mm) by 12-inches (305 mm)

(B) The signage shall indicate the floor level.

(C) The signage shall indicate the terminus of the top and bottom of the stair enclosure.

(D) The signage shall indicate the identification of the stair enclosure.

(E) see below

(F) The signage shall be located inside the stair enclosure.

(G) The bottom of the signage shall be located a minimum of 48 in. (1220 mm) above the floor landing, and the top of the signage shall be located a maximum of 84 in. (2135 mm) above the floor landing.

(H) The signage shall be in a position that is visible from within the stair enclosure when the door is in the open or closed position.

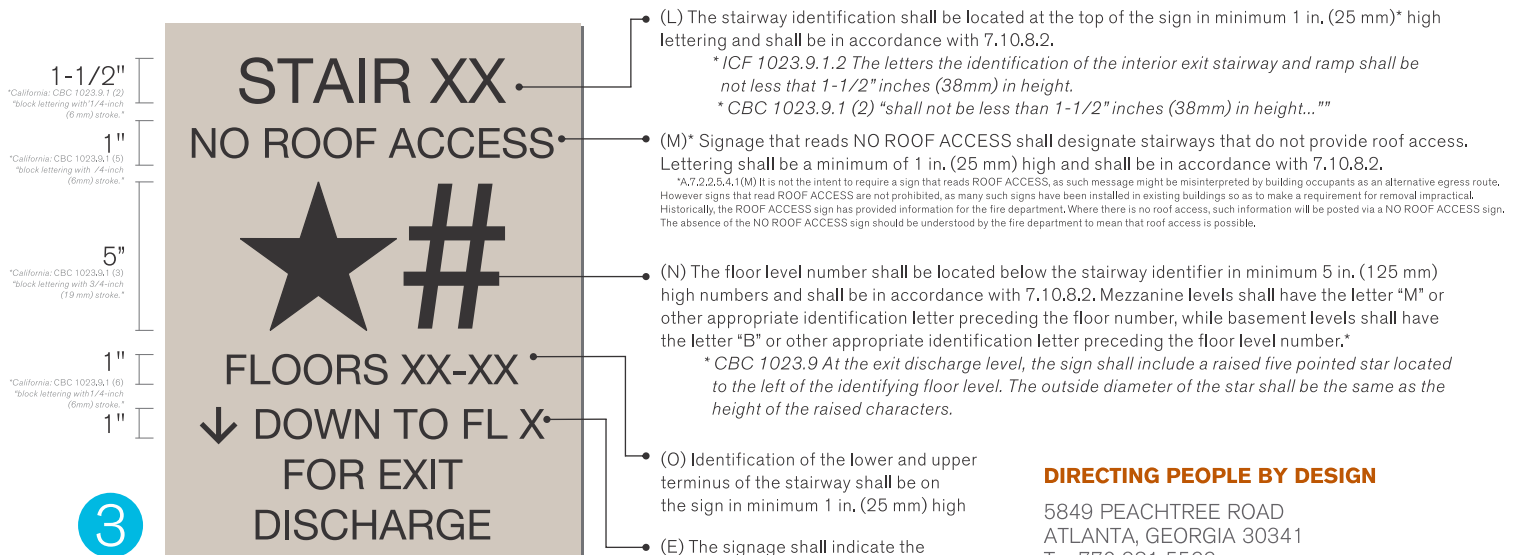
(I) The signage shall comply with 7.10.8.1 and 7.10.8.2 of this Code.

(J) The floor level designation shall also be tactile in accordance with ICC/ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings & Facilities.

(K) The signage shall be painted or stenciled on the wall or on a separate sign securely attached to the wall.

(L)-(O) see below

\* (P) Previously approved existing signage shall not be required to comply with 7.2.2.5.4.1(L) through 7.2.2.5.4.1(O).



\*recommended sizes  
18" x 14" | INNERFACE Module 9.2  
18" x 16" | INNERFACE Module 9.3

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