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# INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE – MEANS OF EGRESS

## E18-18

Committee Action:

Approved as Modified

Modify the proposal as follows:

**1006.3.1 Occupant load.** Where stairways serve more than one story, or more than one story and an occupied roof, only the occupant load of each story or occupied roof, considered individually, shall be used in when calculating the required number of exits or access to exits serving that story.

**1006.3.2 Path of egress travel.** The path of egress travel to an exit shall not pass through more than one adjacent story.

**Exception:** The path of egress travel to an exit shall be permitted to pass through more than one adjacent story in any of the following:

1. In Group R-1, R-2 or R-3 occupancies, exit access stairways and ramps connecting four stories or less serving and contained within an individual dwelling unit, sleeping unit or live/work unit.
2. Exit access stairways serving and contained within a Group R-3 congregate residence or a Group R-4 facility.
3. Exit access stairways and ramps within an atrium comply with the provisions of Section 404.
4. Exit access stairways and ramps in open parking garages that serve only the parking garage.
5. Exit access stairways and ramps serving open-air assembly seating complying with the exit access travel distance requirements of Section 1029.7.
6. Exit access stairways and ramps 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.
7. ~~Exterior~~ Exit access stairways and ramps ~~between~~ connecting occupied roofs.

**1019.3 Occupancies other than Groups I-2 and I-3.** In other than Group I-2 and I-3 occupancies, floor openings containing *exit access stairways* or *ramps* that do not comply with one of the conditions *listed* in this section shall be enclosed with a shaft enclosure constructed in accordance with Section 713.

1. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* that serve or atmospherically communicate between only two stories. Such interconnected stories shall not be open to other stories.
2. In Group R-1, R-2 or R-3 occupancies, *exit access stairways* and *ramps* connecting four stories or less serving and contained within an individual *dwelling unit* or *sleeping unit* or *live/work unit*.
3. *Exit access stairways* serving and contained within a Group R-3 congregate residence or a Group R-4 facility are not required to be enclosed.
4. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* in buildings equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, where the area of the vertical opening between stories does not exceed twice the horizontal projected area of

the *stairway* or *ramp* and the opening is protected by a draft curtain and closely spaced sprinklers in accordance with NFPA 13. In other than Group B and M occupancies, this provision is limited to openings that do not connect more than four stories.

5. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* within an *atrium* complying with the provisions of Section 404.
6. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* in *open parking garages* that serve only the parking garage.
7. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* serving *smoke-protected* or *open-air assembly seating* complying with the *exit access* travel distance requirements of Section 1029.7.
8. *Exit access stairways* and *ramps* 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.
9. ~~Exterior~~ *Exit access stairways* or *ramps* ~~between~~ serving occupied roofs.

**Committee Reason:** The modification to Section 1006.3.1 is an editorial correction for better English.

The modification to Section 1006.3.2 will allow for the exit access stairways to move down from the occupied roof and into the building for means of egress from the roof. As a new exception, the exit access travel distance, not the number of stories, will be the limiting factor. Without the modification, Section 1006.3.2 Exception 7 would only be applicable if there were multiple roofs and it would limit the application to exterior exit access stairways.

This proposal separates out occupied roofs into a new Section 1006.3.1 which will clarify how egress is addressed for occupied roofs. There was no discussion on the new Exception 3 for Section 1006.3.2. (Vote: 9-5)

**Assembly Action:**

**None**

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