

## **SECTION 10.2.5.12 EXIT MARKING**

### **A. Signs**

1. Where required by the provisions of Division 8 through 20 of this Chapter exits shall be marked by a readily visible sign. Access to exit shall be marked by readily visible signs in all cases where the exit or way to reach it is not immediately visible to the occupants and in any case where required by the applicable provisions of Divisions 8 through 20 of this Chapter for individual occupancies.

Any door, passage, or stairway, which is neither an exit nor a way of exit access and which is so located or arranged as likely to be mistaken for an exit, shall be identified by a sign reading "NOT AN EXIT" and shall be identified by a sign indicating its actual character, such as "TO BASEMENT", "STOREROOM", "LINEN CLOSET", or the likes.

3. Every required sign designating an exit or way of exit access shall be so located and of such size, color, and design as to be readily visible. No decorations, furnishing, or equipment which impair visibility of an exit sign shall be permitted, nor shall there be any brightly illuminated sign (for other than exit purposes), display, or object in or near the line of vision to the required exit sign of such a character as to distract attention from the exit sign.

4. A sign reading "EXIT" with an arrow indicating the direction shall be placed in every location where the direction of travel to reach the nearest exit is not immediately apparent.

5. Every sign shall be distinctive in color and shall provide contrast with decorational interior finish, or other signs.

6. Directional Sign Requirements. The sign shall have a height of three hundred millimetres (300 mm) to six hundred millimeters (600 mm) from the floor to the line of vision and shall have a narrow width of seventy-six millimeters (76 mm) painted on the wall by a photoluminescent paint or any equivalent material with photo-luminescent characteristic pointing to the direction of the exit.

### **B. Illumination of Signs**

1. Every sign shall be suitably illuminated by a reliable light source giving a value of not less than five thousandths (0.005) lumens per square centimeters on the illuminated surface. Such illumination shall be continuous as required under this Section, and where emergency lighting facilities are required, exit signs shall be illuminated from the same source.

2. Internally illuminated signs shall be provided in all occupancies where reduction of normal illumination is permitted, such as in motion picture theaters.

3. Luminous directional signs shall comply with para "C" hereof.

### **C. Size of Signs**

Every exit shall have the word "EXIT" in plainly legible letters not less than one hundred fifty millimeters (150 mm) in height, with the principal strokes of letters not less than nineteen millimeters (19 mm) in width; except that in existing buildings, externally illuminated exit signs having the word "EXIT" in plainly visible letters not less than one hundred fifteen millimetres (115 mm) in height, other than in places of assembly, may be continued in use. Other signages required by this rule shall be of the same dimension, unless otherwise provided.