

CENTRAL MARIN FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Fire Protection Standard 116

Stairway Identification

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This standard has been written pursuant to Chapter 10 Section 1022.9 of the California Fire Code as adopted by ordinance by the Central Marin Fire Department. The purpose of this standard is to provide information to the occupants and Fire Department personnel to ensure that they do not become confused during emergencies, by requiring that standardized signs be installed in stairways to inform the user which stair landing he is on and the upper and lower termination of the stairway.

I. Scope

The provisions of this section shall apply to new and existing buildings three or more stories in height, and as required by the Fire Marshal.

- II. A sign shall be provided at each floor landing an interior exit stairway and ramp connecting more than 3 stories designating the floor level, the terminus of the top and the bottom of the interior exit stairway and ramp and the identification of the stair or ramp. The signage shall also state the story of, and the direction to, the exit discharge and the availability of roof access from the interior exit stairway and ramp for the fire department. The sign shall be located 5 feet above the floor landing in a position that is readily visible when the doors are in the open and closed position.

III. Sign

- A. The sign shall be a minimum 18" by 12".
- B. The stairway location shall be placed at the top of the sign in 1 1/2" high block lettering with 1/4" stroke ("STAIR NO. 1" or "WEST STAIR").
- C. The stairway's upper terminus shall be placed under the stairway identification in 1" high block lettering with 1/4" stroke ("ROOF ACCESS" or "NO ROOF ACCESS").
- D. The floor level number shall be placed in the middle of the sign in 5" high lettering with 3/4" stroke. The mezzanine levels shall have the letter "M" preceding the floor number. Basement levels shall have the letter "B" preceding the floor number.
- E. The lower and upper terminus of the stairway shall be placed at the bottom of the sign in 1" high block lettering with a 1/4" stroke.
- F. These signs shall be maintained in an approved manner.

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