

INTERPRETATION:

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EXIT SIGN REQUIREMENTS

Section 1013.1, 2015 International Building Code

1013.1 Where required. Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. The path of egress travel to exits and within exits shall be marked by readily visible exit signs to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel in cases where the exit or the path of egress is not immediately visible to the occupants. Intervening means of egress doors within exits shall be marked by exit signs. Exit sign placement shall be such that no point in an exit access corridor or exit passageway is more than 100 feet (30,480 mm) or the listed viewing distance for the sign, whichever is less, from the nearest visible exit sign.

INTERPRETATION:

Per section 1013.1, exit signs are required at:

- Exits
- Exit access doors

From the definition of Exit:

That portion of a means of egress system between the exit access and the exit discharge . . .

Exit components include:

- Exterior exit doors at the level of exit discharge,
- Interior exit stairways and ramps,
- Exit passageways,
- Exterior exit stairways and ramps,
- Horizontal exits.

From the definition of Exit Discharge:

That portion of a means of egress system between the termination of an exit and a public way.

COMMENTARY:

By following this logic, exit signs are not required at a gate in an uncovered area outside the exit door(s). If an exit sign is not required, then it would not have to be illuminated. All hardware on gates, doors, or devices will have to comply with the door hardware for the occupancy.