This policy is meant to provide basic information in any given occupancy. All other Fire Code requirements will be enforced, these will be addressed by the Fire Inspector during inspections. Questions can be addressed to the Fire Prevention Division office between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday, at (720) 913-3474 or at DENFPB@DENVERGOV.ORG. Permits may be obtained via E-Permits – Accela Citizen Accela available at Denver Fire Department - Fire Safety Operational Permits.

I. SCOPE

A. Stairway Identification Signs are designed to provide consistency, eliminate confusion, and improve communication during emergencies. During emergencies, exiting signs need to remain visible to help people escape. Firefighters need to know which stairwell provides roof access, where most elevator machine rooms are located.

B. SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. LOCATION: A sign shall be provided at each floor landing in an interior vertical exit stairway and/or ramp connecting more than three stories.
   a. Sign to be located 5 feet (1524 mm) feet above the floor landing in a position that is readily visible when the door is open or closed.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED:
   a. Floor level (Floor 5)
   b. Terminus of interior exit stairs and ramp (stairway goes from what floor to what floor. i.e. Floor B2 to Floor 24)
   c. Identification of the stairway or ramp (i.e. West Stair, East Ramp)
   d. The story of and direction to the exit discharge (i.e. Down to Floor 1 for Exit Discharge)
   e. Availability of Roof Access (i.e. Roof Access, or No Roof Access)
   f. Sign must have visual characters, raised characters and braille complying with ICC A117.1

3. SIGN SIZE: The signs shall be a minimum size of 18 inches (457 mm) by 12 inches (305 mm).

4. LETTERING:
   a. The letters designating the identification for the interior exit stairway and ramp shall be not less and 1 ½ inches (38 mm) in height.
   b. The number designating the floor level shall be not less than 5 inches (127 mm) in height and located in the center of the sign.
   c. Other lettering and numbers shall be not less than 1 inch (25 mm) in height.
d. Characters and their background shall have a non-glares finish. Characters shall contrast with their background (...light on dark or dark on light).

5. SELF-LUMINOUS and PHOTOLUMINESCENT: Where signs required by this section are installed in the interior exit stairways and ramps of buildings subject to Section 1025, the signs shall be made of the same materials as required by Section 1025.

a. 1025.1 General. Approved luminous egress path markings ... shall be provided in high-rise buildings of Group A, B, E, I-1, M or R-1.
b. 1025.4 ...(Signs) shall be permitted to be made of any material, including paint, provided than an electrical charge is not required to maintain the required luminance. ... Materials shall comply with either UL 1994 or ASTM E2072.

II. DEFINITIONS

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

B. Interior exit stairway. An exit component that serves to meet one or more means of egress design requirements, ....and provides for a protected path of egress travel to the exit discharge or public way.

III. EXAMPLES

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