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Section 1006.3.1

Question:

Is it the intent of Section 1006.3.1 of the 2004 Florida Building Code to require all exits from an assembly space to be marked by an approved exit sign; or does the cited section permit only the minimum required number and capacity of exits to be marked?

Answer

The answer to the question is "YES." If it meets the requirements of an exit and could be used as a portion of a code compliant means of egress, it requires signage.

Commentary:

1025.2 which is specific to assembly occupancies states that the main exit shall be designed to accommodate 50% of the occupant load. The exception states "where there is no well-defined entrance/exit, exits may be distributed around the perimeter of the building," This scenario would require all those exits to have exit signs.

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