



**Informal Interpretation Report
Number 7284**



Date January 06, 2014

Edition 2010

Section 903.2.1.2 Group A-2

Question:

Is the level of exit discharge the second story
of a two story building serving an occupancy that
is a fire area separated with a 2-hour horizontal
assembly and 1-hour egress corridor with the two
exits not shared exits with the first floor.

Answer

No

Commentary:

Means of egress is comprised of exit access, exit, and exit discharge. In the example in the question, exit access is on the second floor. The exit traverses the second and the first. The discharge is finally on the first floor. The fact that the exit is protected and is not shared with the first floor has no bearing on the question.

SECTION 1002 DEFINITIONS

EXIT DISCHARGE, LEVEL OF. The lowest level having at least 50 percent of the number of exits and capacity of exits discharging to the exterior at grade or story with the least change in elevation to grade, provided no other story has 50 percent of its exits or egress capacity discharging to the exterior at the grade.

Notice:

The Building Officials Association of Florida, in cooperation with the Florida Building Commission, the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation, ICC, and industry and professional experts offer this interpretation of the Florida Building Code in the interest of consistency in their application statewide. This interpretation is informal, non-binding and subject to acceptance and approval by the local building official.