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Section 1008.1

Question:

Is it the intent of 1008.1 that egress doors and frames shall not be painted flat black to match adjacent walls? This has an impact affecting easy recognition.

Answer

Means of egress doors shall be readily distinguishable from the adjacent construction and finishes such that the doors are easily recognizable as doors.

Can you easily tell its a door? Please see the attached commentary for additional information.

Commentary:

The issue is the door, not the frame. The following is only for the means of egress door as stated in section 1008.1- Means of egress doors shall be readily distinguishable from the adjacent construction and finishes such that the doors are easily recognizable as doors. Mirrors or similar reflecting materials shall not be used on means of egress doors. Means of egress doors shall not be concealed by curtains, drapes, decorations or similar materials.

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