



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 1017.2.2

Question:

Is it the intent for Sections 1017.2.2 of the Florida Building Code "Group F-1 and S-1 Increase" to reduce the exit access travel distance from the 400 feet shown in Table 1017.2 for an S-1 Occupancy with a compliant sprinkler system?

Answer

The heading of table 1017.2 refers to footnote a. Footnote a clearly states: a. See the following sections for modifications to exit access travel distance requirements. These are not exceptions but modifications to the table that adds additional requirements/restrictions for the specific occupancies. The section referenced for Groups F1 & S1 is section 1017.2.2 which is copied Below. This section limits the maximum 400 foot exit access travel distance to a building that complies with ALL of the requirements listed in this section. This includes the building being one story and the requestor is constructing a 4 story building so they cannot use the 400 foot travel distance allowed by the table.

Commentary:

1017.2.2 Group F-1 and S-1 increase.

The maximum exit access travel distance shall be 400 feet (122 m) in Group F-1 or S-1 occupancies where all of the following conditions are met:

- 1.The portion of the building classified as Group F-1 or S-1 is limited to one story in height.
- 2.The minimum height from the finished floor to the bottom of the ceiling or roof slab or deck is 24 feet (7315 mm).
- 3.The building is equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.

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