



International Building Code Adds Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings

Effective January 1, 2009

All New and Existing High Rise Buildings

The International Council of Code Officials adopted into the 2009 International Building Code 1024 and International Fire Code, 4604.23 mandates that all non-residential buildings, **new and existing**, over 75 feet in height must install Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings in all enclosed emergency stairwells. The International Building Code is in use in every state in the United States of American. Most states are in the process of adopting the 2009 code into their jurisdictions.

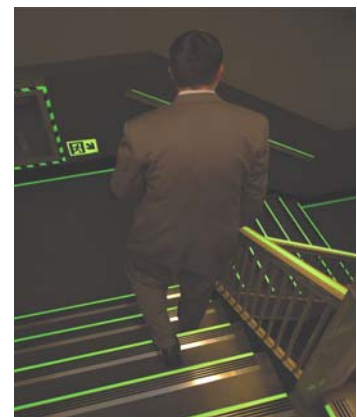
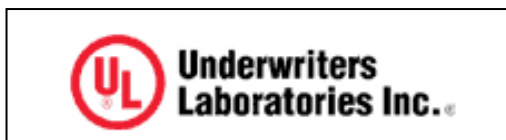
Other building codes that require Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings are:

- NFPA 101 and 5000 Section 7.2.2.5.5. Exit Stair Path Markings All Buildings new and existing. Effective January 2009
- State of California Building Code, Chapter 10, Means of Egress requires in Group A, E, I, R-1, R-2 and R-3 Occupancies, in Exit corridors leading to Emergency Exit stairwells. Effective January 2008
- State of Connecticut requires in Group A, B, E, I-1, I-2, R-1 and R-2 occupancies, in Exit corridors leading to Emergency Exit stairwells. Effective January 2008.
- New York City Building Code Reference Standard RS 6-1 requires in all enclosed Emergency Exit stairwells. Effective July 2008 – All Non-Residential Structures.
- General Services Administration PBS P-100, Section 7.8 requires Photoluminescent Exit Path Markings in all new and existing buildings. Effective March 2005
- Section 1011.4 of the 2006 International Building Code allows Energy saving Photoluminescent Exit Signs meeting UL 924 in all buildings

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Final reports of the Federal Building and Fire Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster, NIST recommends that egress systems be designed with consistent layouts, standardized signage and guidance so that systems becomes intuitive and obvious to building occupants during evacuations.