

FESHM 6020.4: CONCEPTS OF EGRESS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Aisle widths in Laboratory buildings shall conform to the requirements of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, and International Building Code (IBC) to provide safe exiting from a building in case of fire. These requirements are summarized below. In the event of a discrepancy between the summary given below and the requirements of NFPA 101, the requirements of NFPA 101 take precedence. The occupancy use group is determined by IBC and NFPA 101.

Illinois and Federal regulations that govern egress and area refuge may supersede these requirements.

2.0 REFERENCES

- FESHM 6010, Fire Protection Program
- FESHM 6016, Hazardous Map Program
- FESHM 7010, ES&H Program for Construction
- International Building Code (IBC), Chapter 10, 2009 Edition
- International Fire Code, Section 505, 2009 Edition
- NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, Chapter 7, 2009 Edition
- Fire Protection Handbook, Twentieth Edition
- Fermilab's Facilities Engineering Services Section's Design Guides

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- **Means of Egress** - A continuous and unobstructed way of travel from any point in a building or structure to a public way consisting of three separate and distinct parts: (1) the *exit access*, (2) the *exit*, and (3) the *exit discharge*.
- **Exit Access** – Portion of a means of egress that leads to the entrance of an exit and consists of three components: (1) *Travel Distance* – Measured at the most remote point of the room or floor, to travel to an exit, such as an enclosed fire rated stair, (2) *Common Path of Travel* – Length to travel to make a decision on what exit to use, and (3) *Dead End Corridor/Aisle* – An extension of a corridor/aisle beyond an exit or an access to exits that forms a pocket in which occupants may be trapped, delaying the egress time.
- **Exit** – Portion of means of egress that is separated from the area of the building from which escape is to be made by walls, floors, or other means that provide the protected path necessary for the occupants to proceed with reasonable safety to the exterior of the building. An exit may consist of vertical (e.g. stairs and in special cases, elevators) and horizontal means (e.g. passageways and labyrinths).
- **Exit Discharge** – Portion of a means of egress between the termination of the exit and a public way. Fermilab defines public way as outside facility, sidewalk, parking lots, etc.
- **Occupancy** - The purpose for which a building or portion thereof is used or intended to be used.

4.0 PROGRAM

4.1 Overview of Occupancy & Means of Egress

- Minimum corridor or aisle width, clear of any obstructions, must be sufficient to accommodate the required occupant load, but cannot be less than the following table.

Occupancy	Minimum Width Corridors	Travel Distance	Common Path of Travel	Dead End
Assembly (A), Educational (E), <i>Consult FESS Engineering Department for further requirements</i>	A = Varies E = 72-inches	200-Ft / 250-Ft*	75Ft / 100Ft*	20-Ft
Business Use Groups (B)	44-inches	200-Ft / 300-Ft*	75Ft / 100Ft*	20Ft / 50Ft*
Industrial Moderate Hazard (F-1) & Storage Moderate Hazard (S-1)	36-inches If <50 occupants	200Ft/250Ft* /400Ft*	75Ft /100Ft*	20Ft
Industrial Low (F-2) & Storage Low Hazard (S-2),	36-inches If <50 occupants	300FT / 400FT*	75Ft /100Ft*	20Ft
Special or High Hazard (H-1 through H-5) <i>Consult FESS-Engineering Department for further requirements</i>	44-inches	75Ft	25 Ft	0
<u>Lodging & Rooms</u> Hotels/Dorms	<u>36-inches</u> 44-inches	75Ft / 100Ft*	75Ft / 100Ft*	20Ft

4.2 Overview of Doorways

- Minimum doorway widths cannot be less than the following table.

Occupancy	Minimum Aisle Width	NFPA 101 Reference(s)
Existing Buildings*	28 inches	7.2.1.2.4
New Buildings (except as modified below)	32 inches	7.2.1.2.4
Doors serving area of < 70 sq. ft. w/o required handicap access	24 inches	7.2.1.2.4

Lodging & Rooming Houses	28 inches	26.2.3.1
Lodging & Rooming Houses – Bathroom Doors	24 inches	26.2.3.2
One & Two Family Dwellings	28 inches	24.2.4.1
One & Two Family Dwellings – Bathroom Doors	24 inches	24.2.4.2

4.3 Exterior Door Numbering

- Larger buildings and, under the direction of the Fermilab’s Fire Department, exterior man doors will be numbered at the top right, starting at the front, street side, and then clockwise around the building, see Figure No. 1. Additional requirements are:
 - Arabic Numbers, minimum of 4-inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches;
 - Numbers shall be visible and contrast with the building’s background;
 - Contrasting color, retro-reflective material for low light.
 - Door numbers shall be added to the HazMaps.

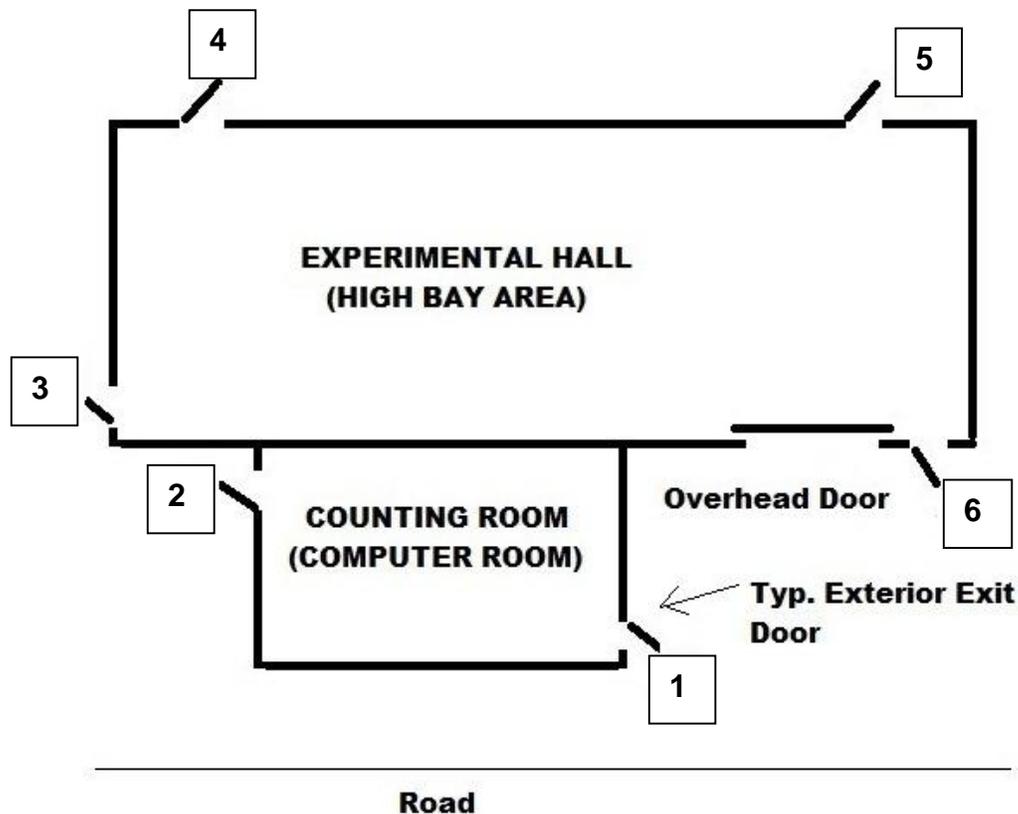


Figure No.1: Sample of Door numbering