



Signs in Exit Shafts

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3.4.5.2. Signs for Stairs and Ramps at Exit Level

(1) In a building more than 2 storeys in building height, any part of an exit ramp or stair that continues up or down past the lowest exit level shall be clearly marked by a sign indicating that it does not lead to an exit.

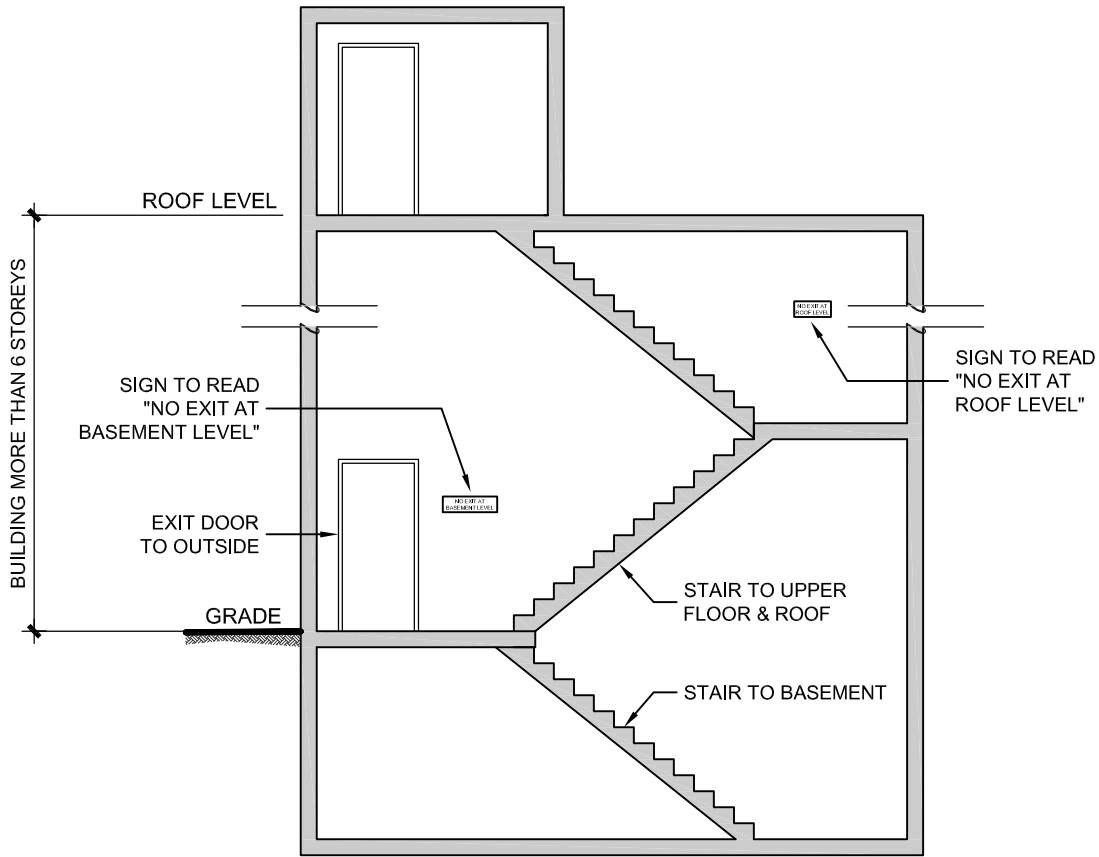
(2) An exit stair serving a building more than 6 storeys in building height shall be clearly marked by signs indicating that it does not lead to an exit at the roof level. (See Note A-3.4.5.3.(2))

OBJECTIVE

It has been known in the past that in emergency situations people may attempt to exit the building at the roof top level. It is seldom that rescue can take place from the exterior of a roof top of a building that is more than 6 storeys high. Therefore, signs must be placed informing the people that there is no exit at the roof level. Similarly, same holds true for exiting from the basement level.

In buildings more than two storeys in building height, where the stairs extend to the basement, passing the exterior exit door, a sign shall be permanently affixed near the door to notify the occupants that the stairs to the basement does not lead to an exit.

In buildings more than 6 storeys in building height, where occupants may attempt to exit at the roof level in the event of an emergency, a sign shall be permanently affixed above the highest occupied floor level to indicate that the stair shaft does not provide an exit at the roof level. Rescue of the people in a building of more than 6 storeys is difficult from the exterior of the building. The illustration is an example of sign placement.



SIGN LEGEND

NO EXIT AT
ROOF LEVEL

NO EXIT AT
BASEMENT LEVEL