

HEALTHCARE INTERPRETATIONS TASK FORCE INTERPRETATION

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Background: Section 5-10.1.4 requires that access to exits be marked by approved readily visible signs in all cases where the exit or way to reach the exit is not readily apparent to the occupants. It further states that sign placement shall be such that no point in the exit access corridor is more than 100 feet from the nearest sign, with an exception for existing buildings. Some AHJ's interpret this to require two exit signs to be visible from any location in an exit access corridor, even in existing buildings.

Question: Must two exit signs always be visible from any location in an exit access corridor per Section 5-10.1.4?

Answer: NO