

NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE LOSS MANAGEMENT DIVISION



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Fire Protection Standard 116

STAIRWAY IDENTIFICATION

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This standard has been written pursuant to Article 10 of the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by ordinance by the Novato Fire Protection District. The purpose of this standard is to provide information to the occupants and Fire District personnel to ensure that they do not become confused during emergencies, by requiring that standardized signs be installed in stairways to inform the user which stair landing he is on and the upper and lower termination of the stairway.

I. Scope

The provisions of this section shall apply to new and existing buildings three or more stories in height, and as required by the Fire Marshal.

II. Sign

- A. The sign shall be a minimum 12" by 12".
- B. The stairway location shall be placed at the top of the sign in 1" high block lettering with 1/4" stroke ("STAIR NO. 1" or "WEST STAIR")
- C. The stairway's upper terminus shall be placed under the stairway identification in 1" high block lettering with 1/4" stroke ("ROOF ACCESS" or "NO ROOF ACCESS").
- D. The floor level number shall be placed in the middle of the sign in 5" high lettering with 3/4" stroke. The mezzanine levels shall have the letter "M" preceding the floor number. Basement levels shall have the letter "B" preceding the floor number.
- E. The lower and upper terminus of the stairway shall be placed at the bottom of the sign in 1" high block lettering with a 1/4" stroke.
- F. These signs shall be maintained in an approved manner.

Example:

