

and piercing injuries resulting from human impact with the glazing material.

(c) *Labeling.* Safety glazing material shall be labeled with a permanent label by such means as etching, sand blasting, firing of ceramic material, or hot die stamping. Labels identifying safety glazing materials may be omitted provided that a notarized affidavit is submitted to the department certifying the installation of safety glazing material. The label or affidavit shall identify the seller, manufacturer, fabricator, or installer, the nominal thickness and type of safety glazing material, and the fact that the material meets the test requirements of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard Z 97.1 [Ind 51.27 (5)], or other equivalent standard. The label shall be legible and visible after installation.

(2) **GUARDING OF GLAZING.** All interior and exterior glazed panels subject to human impact not in a hazardous impact location shall be guarded or provided with safety glazing, except that glazed panels with a sill height of more than 24 inches, or glazed panels less than 12 inches in width, are not required to be safety glazed or guarded.

(a) Guarding shall consist of a horizontal bar, rail, mullion, grille or screen at least 1½ inches wide and located within 3 feet 6 inches to 4 feet 6 inches above the floor. The guard assembly shall be capable of withstanding a lateral force of 100 pounds applied at any point and installed to avoid contact with the glazing when the force is applied.

(b) Safety glazing materials shall conform with the requirements of Ind 51.14 (1) (b).

(3) **INTERIOR DOORS WITH GLASS LIGHTS.** (a) All interior doors with glass lights greater than 8 inches in the least dimension shall be provided with safety glazing material.

(b) All interior doors with glass lights less than 8 inches in the least dimension shall be provided with ¼-inch glazing material.

(c) Safety glazing materials shall conform with the requirements of Ind 51.14 (1) (b).

(4) **SKYLIGHTS AND SLOPED GLAZING.** (a) *Skylights.* All glazing in skylights shall be safety glazing material and shall comply with the requirements of Ind 51.02 (6).

(b) *Sloped glazing.* All glazing installed more than 15° with the vertical shall be safety glazing material.

(5) **FIRE WINDOW ASSEMBLIES.** All glazing in fire window assemblies shall be designed and installed in accordance with the requirements of Ind 51.047 (1) (b).

(6) **STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENT.** Glazing material shall be designed and installed to safely withstand the loads specified in chapter Ind 53 of this code.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

*See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

Register, November, 1975, No. 239
Building and heating, ventilating
and air conditioning code

Ind 51.15 Standard exit. (1) Every door which serves as a required exit from a public passageway, stairway or building shall be a standard exit door unless exempted by the occupancy requirements of this code.

Note: For required exits see Wis. Adm. Code sections Ind 54.06, 55.10, 56.08 and 57.09.

(2) Every standard exit door shall swing outward or toward the natural means of egress (except as below). It shall be level with the floor, and shall be so hung that, when open, it will not block any part of the required width of any other doorway, passageway, stairway or fire escape. No revolving door, and no sliding door except where it opens onto a stairway enclosure or serves as a horizontal exit, shall be considered as a standard exit door.

(3) A standard exit door shall have such fastenings or hardware that it can be opened from the inside by pushing against a single bar or plate or turning a single knob or handle.

(a) The use of a key for opening door from the inside is prohibited.

1. *Exception:* Upon written request by the owner, key-locking, or securing, of exits may be approved in fire-resistive buildings, or parts of fire-resistive buildings, accommodating occupants who must be detained in order to protect the occupants or the public from physical harm.

Note #1: Subsection Ind 51.15 (3) (a) 1. is intended to apply only to jails, prisons, mental institutions, asylums, nursing homes with senile patients, and similar type occupancies.

Note #2: The owner's request should include the following considerations: accessibility of keys to the fire department and staff personnel for the locked areas; electrical devices which release the locks; and 24-hour supervision of the locked areas by personnel who carry keys for the locked areas while on duty. Electrical devices which release the locks upon power failure or upon activation of the fire alarm or sprinkler system or the product of combustion detectors should be considered for securing of exits in nursing homes.

Note #3: Written approval to lock exits must also be obtained from the department of health and social services in accordance with the rules of that department.

(b) The door shall not be barred, bolted or chained at any time.

1. *Exception:* When authorized persons (employees, frequenters, patrons, etc.) are not present, the exit door may be secured by the use of a single bar or bolt.

Note: The intent of this rule is to prohibit padlocks or use of a key to open a door or lock at any time. The bar and bolt exception is to give added security against intruders from the outside while protecting persons in the building from being trapped.

(4) A standard exit doorway shall not be less than 6 feet 4 inches high by 3 feet 4 inches wide, except where especially provided under occupancy classifications and in Wis. Adm. Code section Ind 51.20. Where double doors are provided with or without mullions, the width of each single door may be reduced to 2 feet 6 inches.

(5) All exit doors, unless otherwise exempted by the occupancy requirements of this code, shall be plainly marked by a red illuminated translucent exit sign bearing the word EXIT or OUT in

*See Appendix A for further explanatory material.

DEPT. OF INDUSTRY, LABOR & HUMAN RELATIONS 38-1
Definitions and standards

plain letters not less than 5 inches in height and in such other places as may be necessary to direct the occupants to exit doorways.

(6)* **REQUIRED AGGREGATE WIDTH.** (a) The required aggregate width of exits from a level shall be determined by using the full occupant load of that level, plus the percentage effects of the occupant loads of adjacent levels (above and below) which exit through it as follows:

1. 50% of the occupant load of each first-adjacent level (s);
2. 25% of the occupant load of each second-adjacent level (s).

(b) The width shall be based upon the following ratios:

1. Types No. 1 through No. 4 construction unsprinklered, 40 inches per 100 persons;
2. Types No. 5 through No. 8 construction unsprinklered, 50 inches per 100 persons;
3. Types No. 1 through No. 4 construction sprinklered, 30 inches per 100 persons;
4. Types No. 5 through No. 8 construction sprinklered, 40 inches per 100 persons.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; am. (5) and cr. (7), Register, November, 1963, No. 95, eff. 12-1-63; r. and recr., Register, October, 1967, No. 142, eff. 11-1-67; am. (7) (j), Register, May, 1968, No. 149, eff. 6-1-68; r. and recr. (7), Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71; r. and recr. (3), Register, February, 1971, No. 182, eff. 3-1-71; am. (7) (a) 1., Register, September, 1973, No. 213, eff. 10-1-73; r. (7), r. and recr. (6), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75; cr. (3) (a) 1. and (3) (b) 1., Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75.

Ind 51.16 Stairways. (1) **DEFINITION.** A stairway is one or more flights of steps, and the necessary platforms or landings connecting

*See Appendix A for further explanatory material.