



Informational Bulletin
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Emergency Egress Lighting



Egress lighting provides a clear view of the path of egress, enabling occupants to leave a building during normal circumstances when occupied.

Emergency lighting systems are active on the path of egress during a loss of power event and, in some code requirements, when the fire alarm is activated.

Emergency lighting systems are intended to provide back-up power to a lighting system while occupants evacuate a building.

Inspection and Testing of Emergency Egress Lighting

Emergency egress lighting is required to be tested to ensure that it will be working in the event of a power outage. The following testing is required of your

building equipped with emergency egress lighting.

Activation Test: Emergency lighting equipment shall be tested monthly for a duration of **not less than 30 seconds**. The test shall be performed manually or by an automated self-testing and self-diagnostic routine.

Where testing is performed by self-testing and self-diagnostics, a visual inspection of emergency lighting equipment shall be conducted monthly to identify any equipment displaying a trouble indicator or that has become damaged or otherwise impaired.

EVERY MONTH

EVERY YEAR

Power Test: Battery-powered emergency lighting equipment shall be tested annually by operating the equipment on battery power for **not less than 90 minutes**.