

STATE BUILDING CODE INTERPRETATION NO. I-12-08

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The following is offered in response to your faxed letter dated July 18, 2008 in which you seek a formal interpretation of the provisions of Section 1023.3, of the 2003 International Building Code portion of the 2005 State Building Code.

Scenario: An existing four story business use occupancy building. The first floor plan provided illustrates three exits. The north exit stair discharges directly to the exterior. The south exit stair discharges into a lobby with two east and west exit doors discharging to the exterior. The lobby complies with Exception #2 requirements of Section 1023.1.

Question: Are the building occupants utilizing the south exit stair and exiting through the lobby required to have two exits out of the lobby?

Answer: The building occupants exiting the south exit stair then entering the lobby are required to have an exit with the egress width capacity to accommodate the exiting occupant load. An occupant load of 114 persons are shown exiting through the east pair of exit doors. The east exit to the exterior appears to accommodate the occupant load.