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EMERGENCY ACCESS TO FLOOR AREAS

Reference: Clause 3.4.6.18.(1)(a)

Clause 3.4.6.18.(1)(a) "In a *building* more than 6 *storeys* in *building height*,

a) doors providing access to *floor areas* from *exit* stairs shall not have locking devices to prevent entry into any *floor area* from which the travel distance up or down to an unlocked door is more than 2 *storeys*,"

Question:

Does the above Clause imply that either the topmost floor or the floor immediately below be an emergency access (cross-over) floor in buildings governed by **Article 3.4.6.18**.

Commentary | Relevant Facts:

Although the Code does not say so directly, unless the topmost floor or the floor immediately below is designated as an emergency access (cross-over) floor, **Article 3.4.6.18** cannot be complied with out the additional crossover provision. Otherwise a dead-end corridor situation would be created for an occupant using an exit stair in such a building.

Conclusion:

Therefore, all buildings coming under **Article 3.4.6.18** shall have either the topmost floor or the floor immediately below designated and designed as an emergency access (cross-over) floor.

Note: In the event of a partial occupancy it shall be requested that the topmost floor or the floor immediately below the topmost floor to be granted partial occupancy must also be a cross-over floor.

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