



Building Evacuation

Refer to the **If You Discover A Fire.** guidelines for complete information on evacuation procedures.

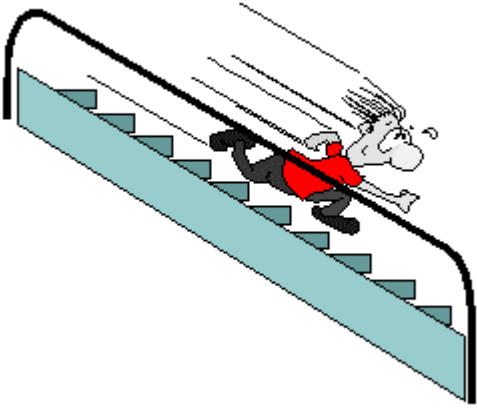
Each building is designed, as required by special fire codes, to afford all occupants safe and efficient routes to quickly leave the structure in time of emergency. The following evacuation resources are typically found in SD facilities.



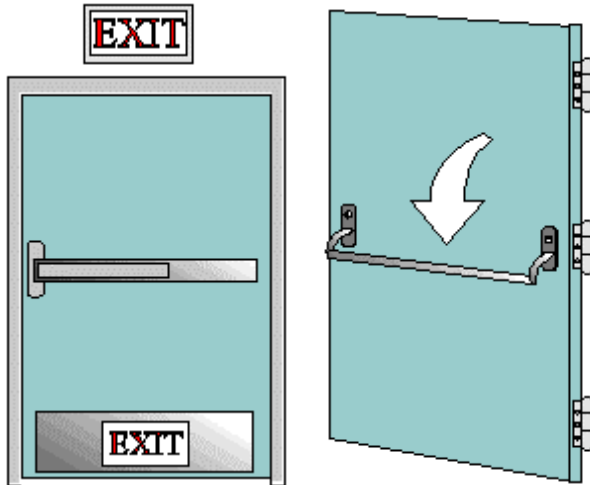
Large green exit signs are placed over interior doors which lead occupants to the outside of the building. Each sign is powered by two separate sources of energy - electricity and backup battery or tritium. The exit signs will remain lighted even if the building's power supply fails. Many areas also have **emergency lighting which** automatically activates during power outages. Defective light bulbs in exit signs should be reported to **Security office tel:888-100.**



Corridors are designated as main routes of exiting throughout each floor. The width of the corridor is specified by the state fire codes and must be kept free and clear to allow a maximum number of occupants along the route in the shortest possible time.



Several stairways are designed into every multilevel building to serve as a means of quick evacuation to ground level. Some stairs are exterior, others are found inside of the building. Interior stairwells have special doors and ventilation features which help to keep smoke from entering the space.



Heavy metal fire doors protect stairwells from filling with smoke. They must remain in the closed position at all times to be effective.

Special "**panic hardware**" is found on main corridor doors which allow the doors to be easily opened during emergencies even when locked from the exterior. Some doors equipped with panic hardware also have added alarm systems that will activate when the door is opened.

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