

**WAC 296-800-31020 Make sure that each exit route leads outside.**

(1) You must make sure that building exit routes lead:

(a) Directly outside or to a street, walkway, refuge area, or to an open space with access to the outside.

(b) To streets, walkways, or open spaces large enough to accommodate all building occupants likely to use the exit.

(2) You must make sure the exit routes clearly show the route employees use to leave the building in an emergency.

(3) You must install a standard safeguard with a warning sign, if a doorway or corner of a building could allow an employee to walk in front of an engine or trolley.

(4) You must use doors, partitions, or other effective means to show employees the correct route out of the building, if the stairs in your exit route lead anywhere but out of the building.

**Note:** If the stairs in your exit route lead past the exit to the basement, you might install a gate at the point they lead towards that basement. The gate could help your employees stay on the exit route taking them out of the building.

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