

CHAPTER 10 MEANS OF EGRESS

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[B] 1024.2 Assembly main exit. Group A occupancies that have an occupant load of greater than 300 shall be provided with a main exit. The main exit shall be of sufficient width to accommodate not less than one-half of the occupant load, but such width shall not be less than the total required width of all means of egress leading to the exit. Where the building is classified as a Group A occupancy, the main exit shall front on at least one street or an unoccupied space of not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) in width that adjoins a street or public way.

Exception: In assembly occupancies where there is no well-defined main exit or where multiple main exits are provided, exits shall be permitted to be distributed around the perimeter of the building provided that the total width of egress is not less than 100 percent of the required width.



Q: An assembly space with an occupant load greater than 300 is located within a mixed occupancy building, such as a Group A-2 restaurant in a Group R-1 hotel. The “main exit,” i.e. means of egress, from the assembly space opens into the lobby area of the hotel.

Is the “main exit” that is required for the Group A portion of the building permitted to use the exit access portion of the means of egress established for the mixed occupancy building?

A: Yes. Egress from an assembly space within a mixed use building is permitted to be either an exit or an exit access.
