

# CHAPTER 10 MEANS OF EGRESS

SECTION 1017.5  
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**[B] 1017.5 Corridor continuity.** Fire-resistance-rated corridors shall be continuous from the point of entry to an exit, and shall not be interrupted by intervening rooms.

**Exception:** Foyers, lobbies or reception rooms constructed as required for corridors shall not be construed as intervening rooms.

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**Q:** In accordance with the provisions of Section 1017.5 of the *International Building Code* a fire-resistance-rated corridor must be continuous from the point of entry into the corridor to an exit. Upon entry into a fire-resistance-rated corridor, is the corridor required to be continuous to all required exits?

**A:** No. The code does not mandate any specific path of travel an occupant must use to reach an exit; however, once an occupant enters a fire-resistance-rated corridor, and provided with a required level of protection, that level of protection must be continuously maintained until the occupant reaches at least one exit. Access to other required exits does not have to be within a rated corridor.

