

Exit Routes

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What is an Exit Route?

- Exit Route is a continuous & unobstructed path of exit travel from any point within a workplace.



How Many Exit Routes Must I Have?

- A single exit route is permitted where the number of employees, the size of the building, its occupancy, or the arrangement of the workplace is such that all employees would be able to evacuate safely during an emergency.
- At least two exit routes must be available in a workplace to permit prompt evacuation of employees and other building occupants during an emergency.



Keep the Doors Unlocked

- Employees must be able to open an exit route door from the inside at all times without keys, tools, or special knowledge. A device such as a panic bar that locks only from the outside is permitted on exit discharge doors.



Where Does My Exit Route Go?

- Each exit discharge must lead directly outside or to a street, walkway, refuge area, public way, or open space with access to the outside.
- The street, walkway, refuge area, public way, or open space to which an exit discharge leads must be large enough to accommodate the building occupants likely to use the exit route.



Size

- The ceiling of an exit route must be at least seven feet six inches (2.3 m) high.
- An exit access must be at least 28 inches (71.1 cm) wide at all points.



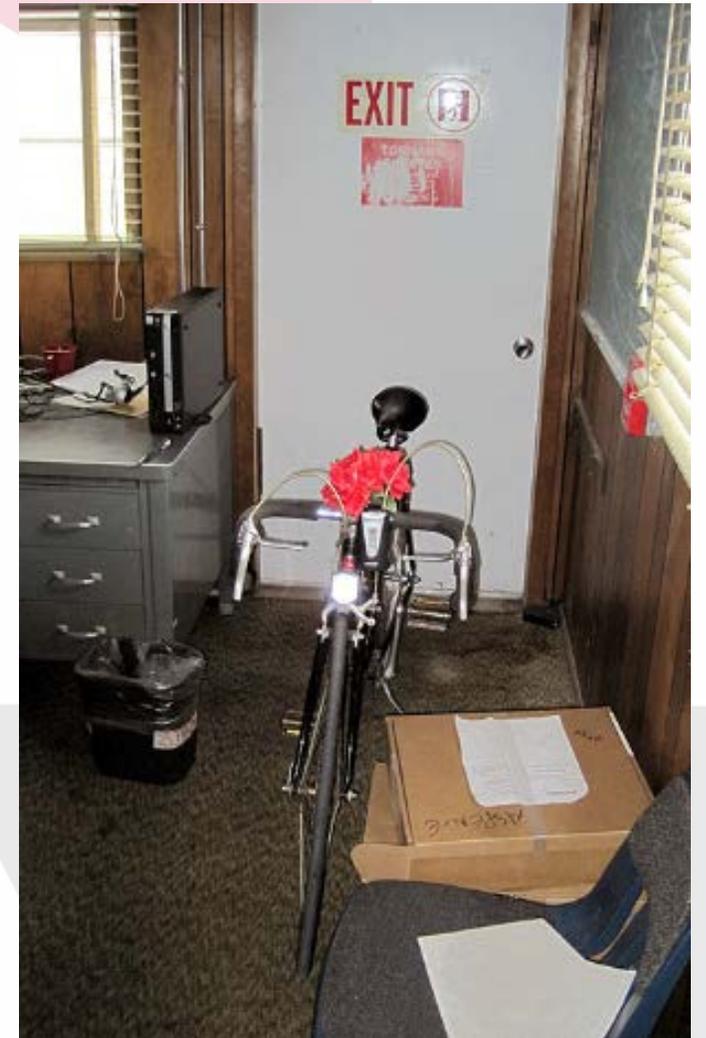
Exit Route Safety

- The outdoor exit route must have guardrails to protect unenclosed sides if a fall hazard exists.
- The outdoor exit route must be covered if snow or ice is likely to accumulate along the route, unless the employer can demonstrate that any snow or ice accumulation will be removed before it presents a slipping hazard.
- Look for the “EXIT” sign.



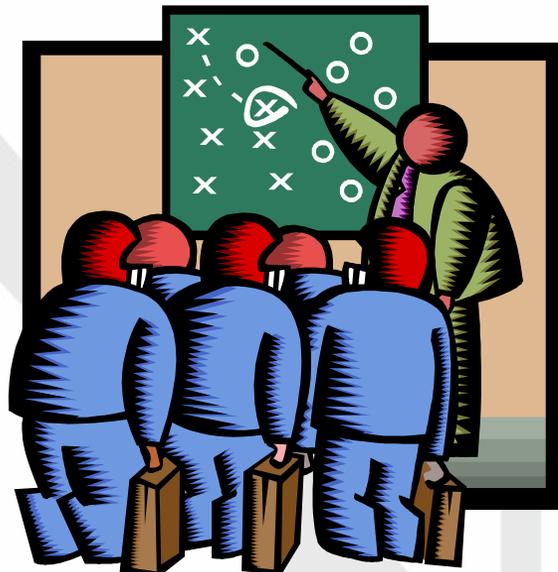
Housekeeping

- Keep the route free from obstructions.
 - Boxes
 - Equipment
 - Etc.



Emergency Action Plan

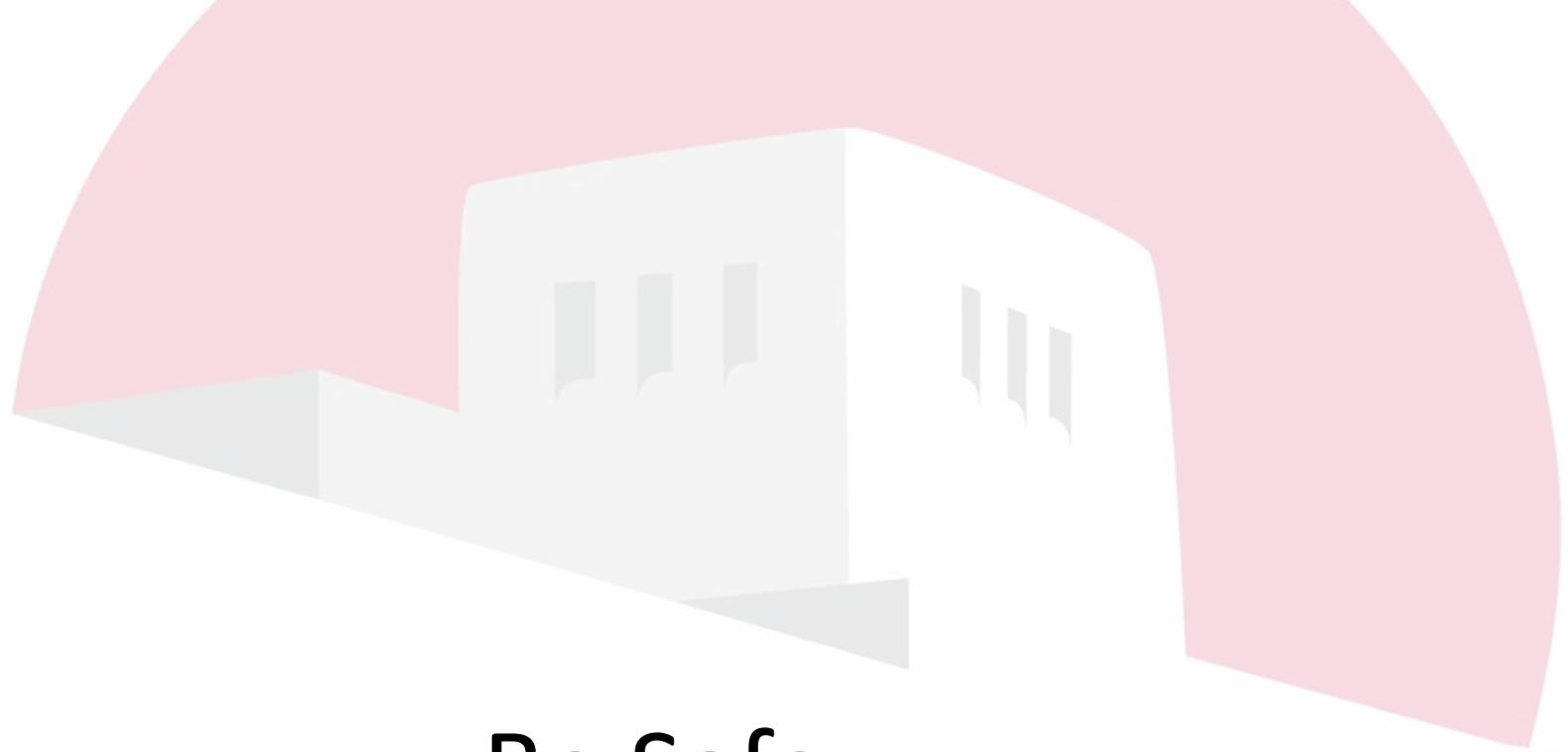
- A written plan needs to be communicated to all employees explaining the exit routes, counting of employees, emergency steps, procedures to follow, and guidelines which will be taken in the event of an emergency evacuation.
- Fewer than 10 employees the plan may be orally communicated.



Not An Exit?

- Each doorway or passage along an exit access that could be mistaken for an exit must be marked "Not an Exit" or similar designation, or be identified by a sign indicating its actual use (*e.g.*, closet).





Be Safe

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Acknowledgement

I _____, have completed the Exit Route training.
(Print Name)

Date: _____

Please print the acknowledgement sheet, fill in requested information and email to srsweb@unm.edu to complete training.