



Low-Level Exit Signs

Section 7-1-2-AP of the Park Ridge Municipal Code requires the installation of a “low-level” exit sign in addition to the exit signs required by the International Fire Code. The signs are required to be installed approximately 12 inches above the floor on the striker side of the door. The signs are required to be illuminated in accordance with Section 1011 of the fire code.



The purpose of the signs is to direct occupants out of a burning building when fire conditions are so severe that the occupants are forced to crawl beneath the smoke and heat. Very often in a fire, smoke may obscure the signs mounted at ceiling level.

Low-level signs are not required to be installed on glass walls, or where there is not enough room to install them, such as a narrow hallway. The fire code official may

also allow signs to be omitted if their installation is not practical, but in most cases, their installation will be required.

Most new exit signs are fairly compact and can easily be mounted on a wall. The signs may also be recessed into the wall. If you have any questions, please contact the fire prevention bureau at 847-318-5312.



Slim-profile sign recessed mounted



Slim-profile sign flush mounted