

## 2.1 PATHS OF TRAVEL TO EXITS

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### PURPOSE

Paths of travel to exits are to provide an unobstructed pathway for occupants travelling to an exit.

### REQUIREMENTS

To provide a passage to an exit that is of a width and height as specified by the *Building Code of Australia*.

### METHOD OF OPERATION

To ensure paths of travel to exits are operational and effective, they must not be obstructed or altered in any way.

It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that all paths of travel to exits are maintained in an efficient condition and kept functional and clear of obstruction at all times.

### MAINTENANCE CHECKS

It is recommended that the relevant building surveyor should require a three-monthly inspection of this facility. The owner may delegate this function to another person or body where necessary or appropriate.

It is recommended that in carrying out the required inspections, the following points be covered:-

- a) Ensure no obstruction of any nature encroaches on or into the designated paths of travel; and
- b) Check that the integrity of the fire-isolation requirements on or in the relevant sections of the path of travel have not been breached or compromised; and
- c) Check that no unauthorised alteration has been carried out on these sections.

### MAINTENANCE RECORDS

A log book must be kept to record:-

- a) The date the inspection was carried out; and
- b) Any problems encountered during the inspection; and
- c) The name, designation and signature of the person carrying out the inspection.

A log sheet to record this information is provided in Appendix C of this manual.