



Commercial Buildings Frequently Asked Questions

IECC 502.4.7 Which doors are considered entrance doors that necessitate the use of a vestibule?

Answer: The department will apply the provisions requiring the inclusion of a vestibule to a doorway, set of doors or other forms of portal that are ordinarily used to gain access or egress to the building or space by the public or employees. This excludes doors that are not used for access and are typically only for emergency or limited use.

Examples under this exclusion include emergency exit doors and doors discharging from an exit stairway. There may be situations where more than one entrance/exit or a building or space would be required to include a vestibule. Examples of multiple main entrances/exits would be a shopping mall, a strip shopping mall or “big box” store.

Note, this clarification does not preempt any of the vestibule exceptions under IECC 502.4.6.
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