

**WAC 296-800-31010 Make sure that exit routes are large enough.**

(1) You must make sure each exit route is large enough to accommodate the maximum-permitted occupant load for each floor served by the route.

(2) You must make sure the capacity of an exit route does not decrease at any point.

(3) You must make sure the exit route has a minimum ceiling height of 7 feet 6 inches and that no projection from the ceiling is less than 6 feet 8 inches from the floor.

Objects that stick out into the exit route, such as fans hanging from the ceilings or cabinets on walls, must not reduce the minimum height of the exit route to less than 6 feet 8 inches from the floor.

(4) You must make sure exit routes are at least 28 inches wide at all points between any handrails.

(a) If necessary, routes must be wider than 28 inches to accommodate the expected occupant load.

(b) Make sure objects that stick out into the exit route, such as cabinets on walls, do not reduce the minimum width of the exit route.

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