

**HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 1977

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Director of Operations, Irving E. Minkin, P.E.

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY LIGHTING IN PLACES OF ASSEMBLY  
Supplement to Directive No. 1 of 1977

In accordance with agreement arrived at with the Bureau of Gas and Electricity, in order to assure compliance with the electrical aspects of Section C26-801.18 and the pertinent provisions of the Electrical Code, the attached G & E Directive No. 3 of 1977 shall be considered a part of this supplement.

1. The Department of Buildings will require that all plans filed for places of assembly, wherein emergency lighting is mandatory as set forth in Section C26-801.18 of the Administrative Code and Directive 1 of 1977 shall demonstrate compliance with the lighting levels specified in Section C26-801.18 of the Administrative Code. The applicant shall be required to note the number of lights, wattage, spacing and the height above floor in the location plan for emergency lighting.
2. A certificate of Electrical Inspection for emergency lighting will be required prior to the issuance of a new Place of Assembly permit. The certificate issued by the Bureau of Gas & Electricity will bear the stamp described in item 3 of G & E Directive No. 3 of 1977 and is to be furnished by the contractor, owner or operator of the place of assembly.
3. Where battery packs are used to supply power for emergency lighting, inspections by this department shall include the testing of the batteries or verification of the testing log.

External wiring of battery packs is not permitted and observance of such illegal wiring shall be referred to the Bureau of Gas and Electricity.

  
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