Bureau of Fire Prevention

Entrance Door Fire
Emergency Markings
(Effective 3/30/2018)
Directional signs serve to assist emergency response personnel in locating dwelling units.

**Required for:**

- unsprinklered buildings with more than 8 dwellings on a floor.
- Multi floor dwelling units
- Stairwell doors*

*Excludes buildings fully protected by sprinkler system
Markings and Symbols

The numbers and letters identify the dwelling unit.

The star identifies the *main entrance* to the dwelling.

The triangle identifies each secondary entrance.

The arrows identify living spaces above or below entrance.

“Sandwich design.” The direction of the arrow shows location of living space, the horizontal line identifies no living space on that floor.
Placement of Markings

- Top of marking 12" from floor
- 1
- 2
- A
For Example

Dwelling unit designated as 10A and has a single entrance

Top of marking 12” from the floor
Dwelling unit:

- Unit 2
- multi-entrance dwelling
- ★ main entrance
- ▲ secondary entrance
Dwelling unit:

- 12A
- A single entrance
- A multi-floor dwelling
- Living space on entry floor and floor above
Dwelling unit:

- Two floor dwelling unit
- 14A is main entrance
- 15A is secondary entrance
- Living space on entry floor (14A) and floor above (15A)
“Sandwich Design”

• 17A: No living space on entry floor, living space is floor above.

• 17B: living space on entry floor

• 17C: No living space on entry floor, living space is floor below.

Each has single entrance on same floor.
Existing illuminated EXIT sign

Stairwell letter designation
More Information

- **Fire Code:** FC 505.3-505.4
  
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/fdny/about/resources/code-and-rules/nyc-fire-code.page

- **FDNY Rules:** 3 RCNY 505-01 and 505-02
  

- **NYC Fire Code Guide:** Chapter 5 (FAQ #40-50)
  