

Chapter 17:

ENTRANCES - EXITS - PATHS OF TRAVEL CORRIDORS AND EXTERIOR EXIT BALCONIES

1120A.3

Corridors and Exterior Exit Balconies [For HCD 1/AC & DSA/AC]

Corridor Widths

1120A.3.1 Every corridor serving an occupant load of 10 or more shall not be less than 44 inches (1118mm) in width. *Diagram 95(a) - p. 377*

Corridors serving an occupant load of less than 10 shall not be less than 36 inches (914mm) in width. *Diagram 45(a) - p. 327*

Corridors over 200 feet (60 960mm)

1120A.3.2 Corridors that exceed 200 feet (60 690mm) in length shall:

1. Have minimum clear width of 60 inches (1524mm);
or
2. Have, at a central location, a 60-inch by 60-inch (1524mm by 1524mm) minimum wheelchair turning space or passing alcove;
or
3. Have, at a central location, an intervening cross or tee corridor a minimum of 44 inches (1118mm) in width;
or
4. Have, at a central location, an openable door.

See Diagrams 95 and 96 - pp. 377 & 378.

[For HCD 1/AC]

EXCEPTION:

All corridors within privately funded multifamily dwelling units shall be at least 36 inches (914mm) wide. *Diagram 45(a) - p. 327*

Changes in Elevation

[For DSA/AC w/exception 2 & HCD 1/AC w/exceptions 1 & 2]

1120A.3.3 When a corridor or exterior exit balcony is on an accessible route of travel, changes in elevation of the floor shall be made by means of a ramp, except as provided for doors by UBC and CBC Section 1003.3.4.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Changes in elevation in covered multifamily dwellings shall comply with this provision.

Except as provided at the primary entrance, thresholds at exterior doors, including sliding door tracks, shall be no higher than 3/4-inch (19mm).

Thresholds and changes in level at these locations shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1 unit vertical in 2 units horizontal (50% slope).

Diagram 86 - p. 368

2. Exterior deck, patio or balcony surfaces shall be no more than 4 inches (102mm) below the floor level of the interior of the dwelling unit.

Change in level greater than 1/2-inch (12.7mm) shall be accomplished by means of a ramp.