

**CHAPTER 10
MEANS OF EGRESS**

**SECTION 1015.1
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1015.1 Exit or exit access doorways required. Two exits or exit access doorways from any space shall be provided where one of the following conditions exists:

1. The occupant load of the space exceeds the values in Table 1015.1.
2. The common path of egress travel exceeds the limitations of Section 1014.3.
3. Where required by Sections 1015.3, 1015.4 and 1015.5.

Exception: Group I-2 occupancies shall comply with Section 1014.2.2.



Q: Can a “space” that contains more than one “room”, such as a suite of offices, be provided with a single exit access doorway in accordance with the provisions of Section 1015.1 of the *International Building Code*?

A: Yes. A space within a building that is subdivided into multiple smaller spaces can be provided with a single exit access doorway when the aggregate occupant load of all the smaller spaces does not exceed the maximum occupant load provided in Table 1015.1, and access to the single exit access doorway does not exceed the common path of egress travel provided in Section 1014.3.

The focus of this interpretation is to address the number of rooms grouped together within a space that have access to a single associated exit access door. It is not intended to address the number of exits that are required from the building or story as provided in Section 1019.1.
