

**CHANGE TYPE:** Addition

**CHANGE SUMMARY:** Photoluminescent or self-luminous exit path markings are now required to identify the egress path in exit enclosures and exit passageways of high-rise buildings that house Group A, B, E, I, M, and R-1 occupancies.

**2009 CODE:** **403.5.5 Luminous Egress Path Markings.** Luminous egress path markings shall be provided in accordance with Section 1024.

**CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE:** In high-rise buildings, increased visibility for travel on stairways and through exit passageways is important because of the extreme conditions that may be encountered under emergency conditions. The use of photoluminescent or self-illuminating materials to delineate the exit path is now required in high-rise buildings that house Group A, B, E, I, M, and R-1 occupancies. Specific requirements related to these egress path markings are set forth in Section 1024 and include the regulation of striping on steps, landings, and handrails; perimeter demarcation lines on the floor and walls, including their transition; acceptable materials; and illumination periods.

## 403.5.5

### High-rise Buildings— Luminous Egress Markings

