

**EXIT DISCHARGE, LEVEL OF.** The story within a building where an exit terminates and the exit discharge begins creates a condition defined as the level of exit discharge. Because exit discharge occurs substantially at ground level, the level of exit discharge typically provides a horizontal path of travel toward the public way. At times, the code uses this term to define another floor level's relationship to egress at grade level. For example, in most buildings, the first story above the level of exit discharge is typically the building's second story above grade plane, as shown in Figure 202-9.

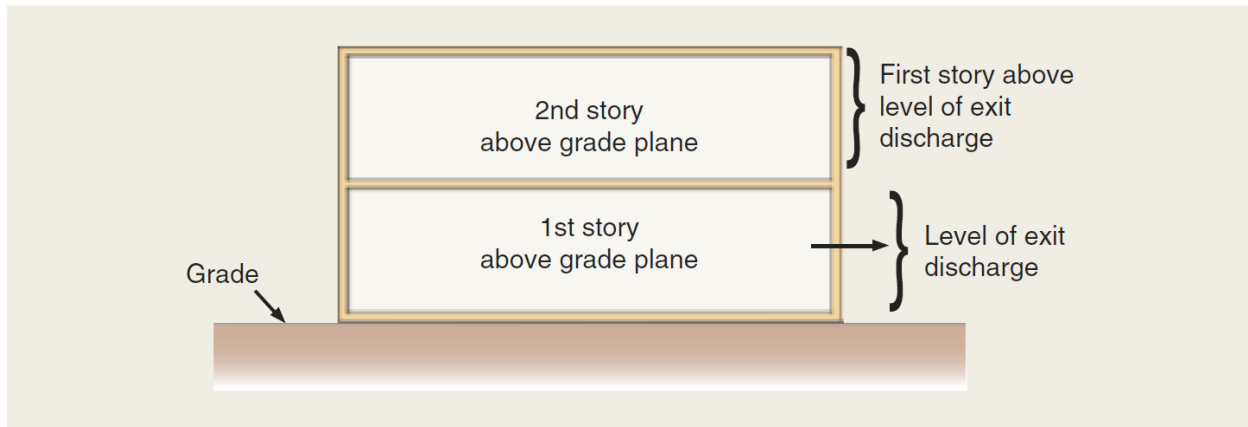


Figure 202-9 **Level of exit discharge.**