

# R311.1

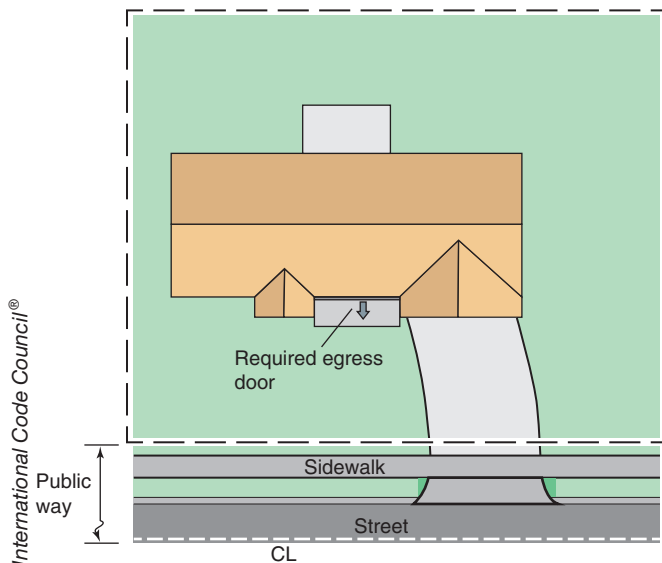
## Means of Egress

**CHANGE TYPE:** Clarification

**CHANGE SUMMARY:** The required egress door of a dwelling unit must open directly into a public way or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

**2015 CODE: R311.1 Means of Egress.** All dwellings shall be provided with a means of egress as provided in accordance with this section. The means of egress shall provide a continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel from all portions of the dwelling to the exterior of the dwelling at the required egress door without requiring travel through a garage. The required egress door shall open directly into a public way or to a yard or court that opens to a public way.

**CHANGE SIGNIFICANCE:** Proponents of this change reasoned that the means of egress should not have less restrictive requirements than those for emergency escape and rescue openings, which are required to open to a public way or to a yard or court that leads to a public way. The new language is consistent with Section R310.1. In practice, almost all new homes exit to a yard that has access to a public sidewalk or street, and this clarification to the code is not likely to impact construction.



The required egress door must have access to a public way.



Dwelling with front-yard access to a public way

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