



Means of Egress Illumination – IBC Section 1006

The means of egress, including the exit discharge, must be illuminated whenever the building space served by the means of egress is occupied. The illumination level cannot be less than 1 foot candle at the walking surface of the means of egress. This will require verification by inspection prior to the final inspection.

During a building final inspection performed during normal inspection hours, the inspector will check the placement and function of egress lighting and confirm if emergency backup power is required.

Sometimes a lighting-level inspection is required to be performed outside of normal daylight hours. This typically occurs *in any new or reconfigured space where two or more exits are required*, but it may also include:

- A change of use requiring a *Certificate of Occupancy*
- An initial build-out of a space within a building with a shell & core *Certificate of Occupancy*
- All type “A” (assembly) and “E” (education) occupancies
- High-ceiling spaces or spaces refinished in predominantly dark colors

As an alternative to an after-hours inspection, you may submit for review a photometric analysis and plan, prepared and stamped by an approved lighting engineer and complying with the performance provisions of IBC 1006.4.

The after-hours inspection may not be necessary if your permit is for minor alteration of a space as described in IBC 1006.3 or is less than 5 years old or has had an egress lighting inspection within the last 5 years.

After-Hours Inspection Fees

If you are required to have an after-hours inspection, the first inspection will be without additional cost. If the inspection fails and further inspection is needed, a fee will be charged for each subsequent after-hours inspection. A flat, non-refundable fee of \$192 covers up to 2 hours of inspection time, plus \$96 for each additional hour. All fees must be paid within 5 days of the scheduled after-hours inspection.

Where can I get additional information?

- Building Inspections, 425-452-4570
- Permit Processing, 425-452-4898 or PermitTech@bellevuewa.gov
- www.bellevuewa.gov/development-services.htm
- www.mybuildingpermit.com

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