

10A NCAC 70K .0311 OUTSIDE ENTRANCES AND EXITS

- (a) In residential maternity homes, all floor levels shall have at least two exits. If there are only two, the exit or exit access doors shall be so located and constructed to minimize the possibility that both may be blocked by any one fire or other emergency condition.
- (b) At least one entrance and exit door shall be a minimum width of three feet and another shall be a minimum width of two feet and eight inches.
- (c) If the home has any resident who requires physical assistance with evacuation, the home shall have at least one principal outside entrance and exit for the resident's use which shall be at grade level or accessible by ramp with a one inch rise for each 12 inches of length of the ramp. For the purposes of this Rule, a principal outside entrance or exit is one that is most often used by residents for vehicular access.
- (d) All exit door locks and latches shall be easily operable from the inside at all times without keys.
- (e) All entrances and exits shall be free of all obstructions or impediments to allow for full instant use in case of fire or other emergency.
- (f) All steps, porches, stoops and ramps shall be provided with handrails and guardrails.
- (g) Outdoor stairways and ramps shall be illuminated by no less than five foot candles of light at grade level.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-1; 143B-153;
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 5, 2016.*