



Office of the State Building Inspector

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**Request for Formal Interpretation of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code**

Dear Mr. Pozzi,

You have requested a formal interpretation of section 1030.1 of the 2018 Connecticut State Building Code.

**Question:**

Are emergency escape and rescue openings (EEROs) required at the 2nd and 3rd Floor bedrooms of R-2 dwelling units having two remote exits at the 1st floor level.

**Answer:**

No. 1030.1 #1 only requires EEROs for R-2 dwelling units that are permitted to have a single exit in accordance with Table 1006.3.2(1). Since the bedrooms on the upper floors have access to two exits, then #1 would not apply to this arrangement.

**1030.1 General.** In addition to the means of egress required by this chapter, emergency escape and rescue openings shall be provided in the following occupancies:

1. Group R-2 occupancies located in stories with only one exit or access to only one exit as permitted by Tables 1006.3.2(1) and 1006.3.2(2).

**Table 1006.3.2(1)**

| STORY                                                    | OCCUPANCY           | MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS | MAXIMUM COMMON PATH OF EGRESS TRAVEL DISTANCE |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Basement, first, second or third story above grade plane | R-2 <sup>a, b</sup> | 4 dwelling units                 | 125 feet                                      |

a. Buildings classified as Group R-2 equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 or 903.3.1.2 and provided with emergency escape and rescue openings in accordance with Section 1030.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Cassidy, P.E.  
State Building Inspector

C: Darren Hobbs, Deputy State Building Inspector