

F8 Signs

Providing identification of escape routes, hazards, emergency-related safety features and accessible facilities.

Signs are required to identify escape routes, emergency-related safety features, potential hazards, accessible routes and facilities for people with disabilities. This clause does not apply to detached dwellings, or within household units in multi-unit dwellings.

Signs must be clearly visible and readily understandable under all conditions, including emergencies. The clause requires accessible routes to be identified with the International Symbol of Access.

[Record of amendments \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/) is a record of changes to the Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.

Updates

MBIE to consult twice yearly on changes to the Building Code System

10 AUGUST 2018

MBIE will now consult twice yearly to ensure Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods are up to date.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/)

Consultation on amending Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods 2018

8 AUGUST 2018

We want your feedback by 21 September on proposals to amend Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/)

View all related news and updates [\(https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&area=news-and-updates&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&area=news-and-updates&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results)

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

Current version

<http://mbie5.cwp.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/>

Previous versions

These are issued by MBIE to provide one way of complying with the Building Code and must be accepted by BCAs as demonstrating compliance with the related clauses of the Building Code. Using them is not mandatory.

2nd edition, amendment 4

[PDF 786 KB]

Effective from 1 January 2017

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/asvm/f8-signs-2nd-edition-amendment4.pdf>)

2nd edition, amendment 4 replacement pages

[PDF 684 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/f8-signs-2nd-edition-amendment4-rp.pdf>)

2nd edition, amendment 3

[PDF 720 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/asvm/f8-signs-2nd-edition-amendment-3.pdf>)

2nd edition, amendment 3 replacement pages

[PDF 589 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/asvm/f8-signs-2nd-edition-amendment-3-rp.pdf>)

2nd edition

[PDF 1.2 MB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/asvm/f8-signs-2nd-edition.pdf>)

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>) (AS and VMs) were called

compliance documents. Some still have the "compliance document" title but the AS or VMs they contain are valid and unaffected by the name change.

Version history (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>)

Guidance

These documents are provided for assistance. They are not intended as a means of establishing compliance with the Building Act or Building Code, and they do not have the same status accorded to Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods under the Act.

Exit signs and compliance schedules

When exit signs are required and what to list on compliance schedules.

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/exit-signs-and-compliance-schedules/>)

International symbol of access (ISA)

Know what the international symbol of access means, where it should be used and how to use it well.

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/f-safety-of-users/f8-signs/international-symbol-of-access-isa/>)

View all related guidance (https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&area=guidance&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results)

Related Determinations

Determinations are made by MBIE on matters of doubt or dispute to do with building work. Rulings are legally binding in relation to each case. Circumstances in one case may differ to others.

2018/059: Issue of a notice to fix in respect of the compliance schedule and building warrant of fitness

2016/058: Regarding whether fire door signage is required to hotel suites

for a building

Note: This determination is subject to clarification

This determination concerns a notice to fix issued by an authority in respect of the specified systems in a building, the compliance schedule, and the building warrant of fitness. The determination considers whether the notice to fix was correctly issued, the information to be provided in a compliance schedule, and the issue of the building warrant of fitness.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-059/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-059/)

This determination considers whether signage is required between the common corridor and guest suites in a hotel in order to satisfy Clause F8 of the Building Code. The determination discusses the risks of the doors being wedged open and whether this constitutes a potential hazard.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2016-058/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2016-058/)

[View 6 Determinations related to Signs
\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&action_doSearch=Search#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&action_doSearch=Search#results)

Related building products

All products, systems and construction methods that have achieved CodeMark status will be listed here with their most up to date certificate.

[View 2 certified building products associated with Signs \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&action_doSearch=Search#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=f8-signs&action_doSearch=Search#results)



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