

INFORMAL CODE INTERPRETATION

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Double Door Exits

Code: 2012 Residential Code

Date: July 2, 2012

Section: R311.2

Question:

Are double doors permitted for the required exit if they have a total door opening equal to 36 inches?

Answer:

Yes. These doors are typically two 30 inch doors or two 32 inch doors. They can not have a stationary center mullion, but one leaf can have a toe and/or head bolt. The other leaf must be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.

Key Words:

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