



Buildings with Light-Frame Truss-Type Construction; Notice Requirements; Enforcement Florida Statute 633.222 - Florida Administrative Code 69A-3.012

The owner of any commercial or industrial structure, or any multi-unit residential structure of three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type construction shall mark the structure using the approved symbol in a manner sufficient to warn persons conducting fire control and other emergency operations of the existence of light-frame truss-type construction in the structure. Townhouses are not subject to this rule.

Light-Frame Truss-Type Construction means a type of construction whose primary structural elements are formed by a system of repetitive wood or light gauge steel framing members.

The approved symbol shall be a weather-proof Maltese Cross measuring 8 inches horizontally and 8 inches vertically, of a bright red reflective color as indicated below:

Structures with light-frame truss roofs shall be marked with the letter R	Structures with light-frame truss floors shall be marked with the letter F	Structures with light-frame truss roofs and floors shall be marked with the letters RF
		

The approved symbol shall be placed within 24 inches to the left of the main entry door and (1) be permanently attached to the face of the structure on a contrasting background, or (2) be mounted on a contrasting base material which is then permanently attached to the face of the structure.

The distance above the grade, walking surface or the finished floor to the bottom of the approved symbol shall not be less than 4 feet nor greater than 6 feet.

In single tenant structures with multiple main entry doors, such as big box retail stores, department stores and grocery stores, the authority having jurisdiction is authorized to require that other main entry doors of the structure be marked with the approved symbol.

In multiple tenant structures and covered malls with multiple main entry doors, the authority having jurisdiction is authorized to require that other main entry doors be marked with the approved symbol. In such structures, approved symbols shall be marked on one side only and spaced not closer than 100 feet or at each end of the structure when such structure is less than 100 feet in length.

The owner of each new structure required to comply with this section shall mark the structure with the approved symbol prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy.

If you have any questions, please contact the Fire & Life Safety Bureau at (941) 761-1555 and ask to speak with the Fire Marshal or a Fire & Life Safety Inspector.