

# WHAT ARE LIFE SAFETY PLANS?

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## SUMMARY

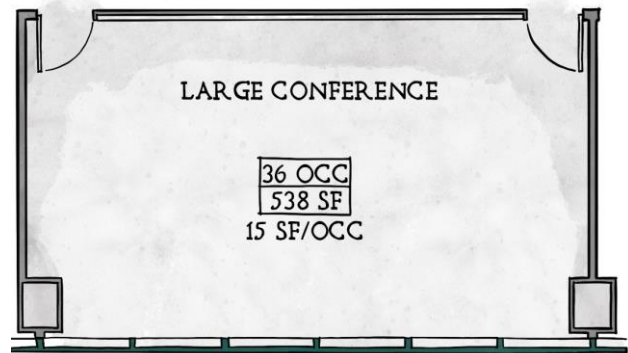
A **life safety plan** is the document that demonstrates code-compliance for a building, specifically with regards to means of egress and life safety.

- These might sometimes be called “exiting plans,” “fire and life safety plans,” “egress plans,” “code sheets,” or “code summaries.”
- **Life Safety Plans** are different than **Fire Safety, Evacuation and Lockdown** plans that are required by IBC 1002.2 or IFC Sections 403 and 404. Those address operational evacuation for specific high-risk or high-occupant buildings.
- **Life Safety Plans** often include a **narrative portion**, which establishes criteria and a code compliance path, and a **plan-based portion**, which documents on floor plans the different means of egress requirements.
- **Narratives** for life safety documents often include:
  - List of Applicable Codes/Standards
  - Occupancies Present (including special occupancies)
  - Allowable Height/Area/Stories Calculations
  - Construction Type
  - Fire Resistance Ratings
  - Life Safety/Fire Protection Systems Present
  - Allowable Travel Distances (for Maximum Travel, Common Path, and Dead End)
  - A Number of Occupant Summary
  - A Number of Exit Summary
  - The Minimum of Required Plumbing Fixtures
  - And Other Information
- **Plans** for life safety documents often include:
  - Identification of exits
  - Exit Capacities (Provided versus required)
  - Occupant Loads
  - Travel Distances (to exit, common path and dead end corridors)
  - Exit Access Separation Requirements
  - Fire Ratings of walls/floors/doors
  - Fire Extinguisher Locations
  - Fire Protection Standpipe Locations
  - Exit Signs
  - Fire Department Connection Locations
  - Additional specific information (such as egress locking arrangements, smoke compartments, suites, atrium boundaries, chemical control areas and other information)



**Narrative Portion of Life Safety Plans**

(Often in a written, table, matrix, or number and text format)



**Plans Portion of Life Safety Plans**

(Will document means of egress requirements on floor plans)

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