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DOCUMENT: 2000 Life Safety Code
2007 / 2002 / 1997 Kentucky Building Code

SUBJECT: Door swing
Section 7.2.1.4.1 – LSC
Section 1008.1.2 - KBC

QUESTION: When a pair of doors is installed, such as in a horizontal exit or a smoke partition, is there a requirement as to which leaf swing in what direction?

ANSWER: Yes.

COMMENTARY: Though the code does not specify which leaf is to swing in the direction of egress travel, it is understood that normal traffic flow indicates the door leaf to an individual's right (as the door is faced) is to swing in the direction of egress travel. Therefore, this office will require that the right leaf (as the door is faced) shall swing in the direction of egress travel.


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