



MARIANNA FIRE & RESCUE

Truss Placard Information



Florida Statute, section 633.027 and Florida Administrative Code 69A-60.0081, require the owner of any commercial, industrial, or multi-unit residential structure of three units or more constructed of light-frame truss-type construction to install a symbol adopted by rule 69A-60.0081 of the Florida Administrative Code. "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.

This rule establishes the dimensions, color, and location of the symbol to be applied to every applicable structure that is constructed of light-frame truss-type construction. The symbols are required to be installed on all applicable buildings within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this code or by March 20, 2010.

The symbols must be installed within 24 inches of the left side of the main entrance to the facility. It must be located between 4 feet and 6 feet above grade, walking surface, or finished floor. Depending on the number of main entrances and their locations, additional symbols may be required.

Where the owner of the structure and the authority having jurisdiction disagree as to the use of light-frame truss-type construction within the structure, the owner shall be granted no more than 45 days to provide written verification from a licensed engineer or licensed architect; otherwise, the owner shall comply with the rule.

You may notice on buildings of light weight truss and floor design a sign indicating such. The signs are a red reflective Maltese Cross with white lettering on a white back ground. The lettering that will be in the center of the Maltese Cross and will be an (F), indicating a light weight floor design, a (R) indicating a light weight truss or both letters (R) and (F) indicating both a lightweight floor and roof truss design. The signs are to be located to the left of the main entrance door/s, no lower than 4 feet and no higher than 6 feet and no further than 24 inches from the door.

The purpose of the signs is to give firefighters an extra tool in identifying a light weight hazard on the approach to a structure. Roof and floor collapse has claimed a firefighter's life on more than one occasion. This will be required prior to passing a final inspection for occupancy and we will be approaching existing locations on an on-going basis. Below is what the signs will look like. The Maltese Cross is 8 inches by 8 inches.



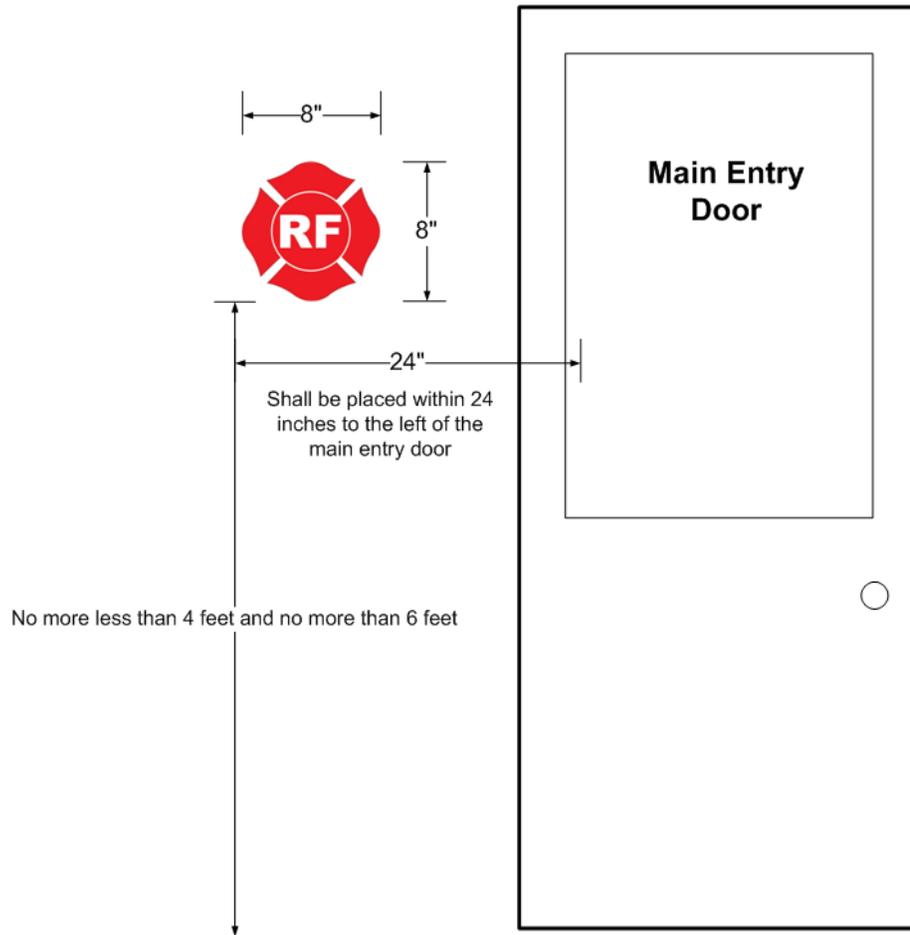
Roof Only



Floor Only



Roof & Floor



- These required signs can be obtained from a local Sign Shop, hardware store, or online store.
- We **do not** provide or sell these signs.
- We do **not recommend or endorse** any specific vendor in obtaining these required signs.

We are here to assist you with the compliance and requirements of this new State of Florida law. If you have any further questions regarding the new law, please contact us:

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Referenced Codes and Statutes:

Florida Statute 633.027

Florida Administrative Code 69A-60.0081