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Code Interpretation 25-11

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Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings – Opening to a Court or Yard

OVERVIEW

Edition: 2022 Title 24, California Building Standards (July 2024 Supplement)
Code: Part 2-California Building Code (CBC), Part 9- California Fire Code (CFC)
Section(s): Sections 1031, 1024, 1029
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QUESTION #1

Can the occupants of a building with an occupancy classification of a Group R-2 or R-2.1 exit into a closed court through emergency escape and rescue openings (EERO) as defined in 2022 CBC, Section 1031.1, cross the closed court and exit the court through an exit passageway as defined in 2022 CBC, Section 1024?

ANSWER #1

Yes, provided the EERO has direct access to an exterior type environment and leads directly to the public way.

All egress requirements from Section 1024 and 1029 for courts and exit passageways, shall apply.