

Construction Code Interpretation 2018-SBC

**CCI 2018-SBC §1107.2
Accessible Route Within a Type A unit**

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The following interpretation is intended to provide guidance to staff for consistency of review and is subject to change without notice. Application of this interpretation to specific projects may vary.

Code Issue:

Is an accessible route required to all floors of a multi-story Type A unit?

Code Interpretation:

Yes. *Type A units* as defined in ICC A117.1-2009 §1003 require at least one accessible route to connect all elements and spaces that are part of the unit; the only exceptions being for unfinished attics and unfinished basements.

SBC §1107.2 Design references ICC A117.1 Chapter 10 for the design of *Accessible Units*, *Type A units* and *Type B units* required by other §1107 scoping requirements, such §1107.6.2.2.1 Type A units required for apartment houses (including condominiums), monasteries and convents.

Note that when *Type A units* are required among multi-story dwelling units, such as for designs involving 10 or more “townhouse style” apartments, there are no exceptions comparable to §1107.2 for *Type B units*. Therefore, multi-story units when required to meet *Type A unit* design requirements will likely require a private residential elevator or other means of conveyance allowed by A117.1 Chapter 4.

For questions about whether this code solution applies to your project:

- *If you have submitted a permit application, contact the Building Code plan reviewer assigned to your application*
- *If you have not submitted an application, send us a question through the SDCI website <http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/resources/send-us-a-question> or in person at the Applicant Services Center. Visit the Applicant Services Center website for more information about hours and location <http://www.seattle.gov/sdci/about-us/who-we-are/applicant-services-center>*