

# Florida Lightweight Truss Signage



Dear Charlotte County Business Owner:

Re: Notice of New Structure Marking Law – Aldridge / Bengé Firefighter Safety Act

Charlotte County Fire/EMS is providing this notice as a courtesy to its business community.

Effective on 12-13-2009, the Aldridge-Benge Firefighter Safety Act memorializes two Orange County firefighters who lost their lives in 1989 due to a light-frame roof collapse while fighting a fire.

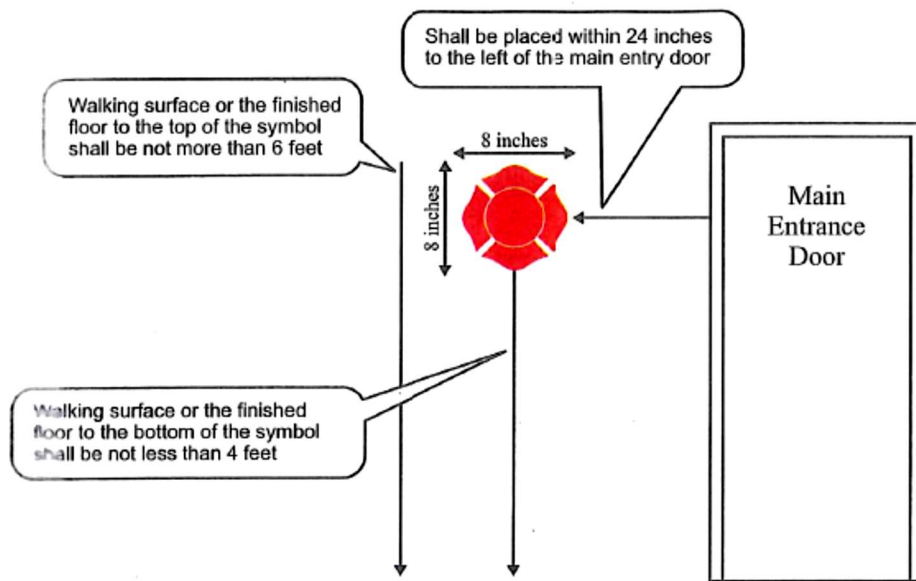
Florida Statute, section 633.027 and Florida Administrative Code, rule(s) 69A-3.012 require the owner of any commercial, industrial, or multi-unit residential structure of three units or more constructed of “light-frame truss-type construction” to install symbols adopted by rule in a manner sufficient to warn persons conducting fire control and other emergency operations of the existence of light-frame truss-type construction in the structure. “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.

## **SIGN PARAMETERS:**

- Symbols must be all weather and contrasting with background.
- Maltese Cross shall measure 8” horizontally and 8” vertically.
- Maltese Cross shall be a bright red reflective color.
- Maltese Cross shall be within 24” to the left of the main entry door.
- Maltese Cross shall be not less than 4’ above grade, walking surface, or finished floor.
- Maltese Cross shall be not more than 6’ above grade, walking surface, or finished floor.
- Additional signs to be installed as determined by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
- The complete rule is available on the State Fire Marshal’s web site.

If a dispute arises of whether the building has 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.

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If there are any questions, please contact Charlotte County Fire/EMS Fire Prevention Bureau at 941.833.5600.