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Subject:	Exit width reduction at door swings
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Building Code Reference(s):	3.4.3.3.(2)

Question:

Can a door swing reduce the exit width to 750 mm in an exit corridor?

Interpretation:

No.

Sentence 3.4.3.3.(2) only permits a door swing to reduce the required width of an exit to 750 mm at exit stairs and landings.

Sentence 3.4.3.3.(2) further states that the door swing cannot reduce the width of an exit passageway to less than the minimum required width.



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