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**BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION 2003-05**  
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**CODE/EDITION:** VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE/2003

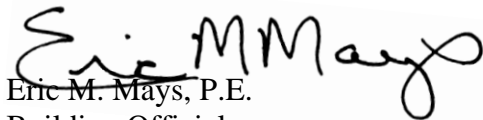
**SECTION(S):** VUSBC/2003, IBC Section 202 Definitions  
IBC/2003, Section 1006 Means of Egress Illumination  
IBC/2003, Section 1011 Exit Signs

**QUESTION:**

1. Do Use A-5 outdoor bleachers require egress illumination?
2. Do Use A-5 outdoor bleachers require exit signs?

**ANSWER:**

1. No. IBC, Section 1006 Means of Egress Illumination states, "The means of egress, including the exit discharge, shall be illuminated at all times the building space served by the means of egress occupied." Based on the Uniform Statewide Building Code, an outdoor bleacher is not defined as a "building." Therefore, bleachers are not required to have egress illumination.
2. Bleachers do not require exit signs "on the seating side of vomitories or openings into seating areas where exit signs are provided in the concourse that are readily apparent from the vomitories," and "egress lighting is provided to identify each vomitory or opening with the seating area in an emergency." (NOTE: The egress lighting is only for identifying the vomitory and is not required as part of the bleacher aisle egress.)

  
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