

Checklist escape routes

Check if your escape and rescue routes comply with the central requirements of ASR A2.3 and MBO. The checklist offers a simple and quick orientation during the property inspection.

No.	Question	yes	no	Comment
1	Are the escape and rescue routes kept clear at all times and usable without restriction?			
2	Does the length of the escape route comply with ASR A2.3 No. 5 (if relevant, observe building-specific requirements)?			
3	Does the minimum width of escape routes comply with ASR A2.3 No. 5 (consider specific demands, if applicable)?			
4	Is the minimum height of 2 m for escape routes observed?			
5	Is the escape route always free of flammable substances and objects?			
6	Is it ensured that escape routes are never used for parking or storage?			
7	Are the escape routes clearly and visibly marked?			
8	Is the safety lighting and escape route marking in good order, i.e. not suspended or covered?			
9	Are all safety devices (e.g. electric emergency exit or fire doors) checked regularly?			
10	Can all doors in escape and rescue routes be opened in the direction of escape?			
11	Can the emergency exit doors be opened easily in the direction of escape with a single hand movement?			
12	Are all emergency exits permanently free, i.e. not blocked or locked?			
13	Are emergency exits also marked from the outside so that they are not obstructed from the outside?			
14	Are lifts marked so that they cannot be used as escape routes?			
15	Is a second escape route available, if necessary?			
16	Do room-enclosing components and opening closures (e.g. fire doors) fulfil the structural requirements?			
17	Are escape and rescue plans posted in sufficient numbers and up-to-date?			
18	Are evacuation drills carried out regularly?			
19	Are the employees trained with regard to escape routes and the correct behaviour in case of fire?			
20	Is it ensured that persons outside the company are informed accordingly?			

Your escape routes do not or only partially meet the requirements?

Our fire protection experts will be happy to assist you in ensuring that your escape routes are safe and compliant. You can find more information and your personal contact in your area at: [cws.com/firesafety](https://www.cws.com/firesafety)

Checklist for escape plans

Escape and rescue plans are recommended in every building. According to § 4 of the ArbStättV, ASR A1.3 and A2.3, there is an obligation to install them if the location, extent and type of building use require it. In addition, escape and rescue plans must comply with DIN ISO EN 23601 and DIN EN ISO 7010.

Use the checklist to check whether the escape and rescue plans in your building meet the formal and content-related requirements.

No.	Question	yes	no	Comment
1	Are the escape and rescue plans up to date and reviewed regularly (at least every 2 years)?			
2	Has the safety equipment been correctly labelled in accordance with ASR A1.2, ASR A2.3, DIN EN ISO 23601 and DIN EN ISO 7010?			
3	Is an overview sketch (max. 10 % of the area of the plan) integrated, showing the current section of the building?			
4	Does the general plan show the collection point(s), the area of the detailed plan and the surrounding area in simplified form?			
5	Is the area 'Behaviour in case of fire' (red box) present on the plan?			
6	Is the area 'Behaviour in case of accidents/emergencies' (green box) present on the plan?			
7	Are relevant fire protection facilities noted in the escape and rescue plan in accordance with the building permit or fire protection concept?			
8	Are all escape routes and emergency exits noted in the escape and rescue plan in accordance with the building permit or fire protection concept?			
9	Is the minimum size 297 x 420 mm (DIN A3) or in individual rooms 210 x 297 mm (DIN A4) for escape and rescue plans observed (tolerance 5 %)?			
10	Are the stylistic requirements for escape and rescue plans met? (Font according to DIN 1451-3, safety signs, minimum font size 2 mm, minimum size safety signs 7 mm, line width, white background).			
11	Are the escape and rescue plans protected against environmental influences (e.g. light or moisture)?			
12	Is visibility also ensured in the dark by photoluminescent materials or safety lighting?			

Your escape and rescue plans do not meet all requirements?

A certified specialist planner, such as CWS Fire Safety, should check and update the escape and rescue plans.

Our CAD experts will advise you in detail on how to update your escape and rescue plans in accordance with local conditions as well as legal and regional regulations. You can find more information and your personal contact in your area at: [cws.com/firesafety](https://www.cws.com/firesafety)

*Dimensions of escape routes under ASR A2.3¹

Maximum length of escape routes according to ASR A2.3 No. 5

a)	for rooms without or with normal fire hazard, except rooms according to b) to f)	up to 35 m
b)	for fire hazard rooms with automatic fire extinguishing systems up to 35 m for rooms with increased fire hazard with automatic fire extinguishing systems	up to 35 m
c)	for rooms with an increased fire hazard without automatic fire extinguishing systems	up to 25 m
d)	for rooms at risk of toxic substances up to 20 m	up to 20 m
e)	for potentially explosive atmospheres, except for rooms according to f)	up to 20 m
f)	for rooms with explosive hazards	up to 10 m

However, the actual walkway length must not be more than 1.5 times the escape route length.

Maximum width of escape routes according to ASR A2.3 No. 5

The minimum width of the escape route is based on the maximum number of people using the escape route in an emergency. The minimum height is 2 m.

Number of people in the catchment area	Escape route width
up to 5	0.90 m
up to 20	1.00 m
up to 200	1.20 m
up to 300	1.80 m
up to 400	2.40 m

¹**Note:** This compilation is an excerpt from the current version of the Technical Rules for Workplaces - Escape Routes and Emergency Exits, Escape and Rescue Plan - ASR A2.3, edition: March 2022. The overview is for information purposes only and has no legal effect.

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