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**Areas of Rescue Assistance
in Open Parking Garages**

TAS 4.1.3(9) relating to areas of rescue assistance (at exits required by local building/life safety regulations) is not intended to apply at exit stairways serving open parking garages. See description of open parking garages for purposes of TAS below. Consequently, areas of rescue assistance are not required at fire exits located above or below grade level of these facilities. Additionally, the stairways serving these exits area not required to comply with TAS 4.9.1(3).

Open Parking Garage – exterior sides shall have uniformly distributed openings on at least two sides. The area of the openings on a tier shall be at least 20 percent of the total perimeter wall area of each tier. The aggregate length of the openings shall constitute a minimum of 40 percent of the perimeter of the tier. Interior wall and column lines shall be at least 20 percent open with uniformly distributed openings.