

Florida Light-Frame Truss Marking Law
[Florida Statute 633.027 \(2008\)](#)
Aldridge-Benge Firefighter Safety Act

The law requires the owner of any commercial, industrial or any multi-unit residential structure of three units or more, that uses light-frame truss-type construction to mark the structure with a sign or symbol approved by the State Fire Marshal 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.

The Aldridge-Benge Firefighter Safety Act became law on December 13, 2009. The Aldridge-Benge Firefighter Safety Act was named in honor of Orange County firefighters Todd Aldridge and Mark Benge, who died in 1989 after the truss roof of a gift shop collapsed.

NOTICE TO COMPLY

Florida Administrative Code [69A-3.012](#) requires the installation the required symbol(s) within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this code or by March 20, 2010.



Lightweight Truss Floor



Lightweight Truss Roof



Lightweight Truss Roof & Floor

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

The Seminole County Fire Prevention Bureau will do our best to assist you in determining the type of roof and floor systems in your building. However, it may be necessary to have a building professional assist you in making that determination.

If there are any questions, please contact the Seminole County Fire Prevention Bureau at 407-665-5129 and ask to speak to a fire inspector.