

## Classroom Barricade Device Considerations

1. The 2010 ADA Standards require door hardware to be operable with one hand and without tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist.
2. NFPA- Between 2000-2013 there were 1,456,500 non-residential structure fires in the U.S. This resulted in 1,260 civilian deaths and 21,560 civilian injuries. For the same period, the FBI counted 160 active shooter attacks, resulting in 487 deaths and 557 injuries. This includes attacks which occurred out of schools.
3. Several active shooter incidents have involved the assailant barricading himself inside with the victims, including the shootings at Virginia Tech, the West Nickel, Mines Amish School and Platte Canyon High.
4. Barricaded doors are likely to contribute to the loss of life by delaying first responder access.
5. Door closers, panic hardware and fire exit hardware may not be modified by retrofit locking devices and modifications to fire door assemblies. They must be in accordance with NFPA 80-Standard for fire doors and other opening protectives.
6. A facilities emergency plan must address locking and unlocking classrooms doors and staff must participate in drills for these operations.
7. It is vital to ensure safe access and egress for ALL occupants during any type of emergency- not just active shooters and terrorism but also fire, severe weather, natural disasters and other types of emergencies that schools are statistically far more likely to face.

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