

Door Locking Systems

Through [Public Act 207 of 1941, the Fire Prevention Code](#), the Bureau of Fire Services (BFS) has jurisdiction over many different types of state-regulated facilities in Michigan. The requirements for door locking systems vary by facility type.

Adult Foster Care (AFC) Facilities: Door locking for AFC facilities shall be in compliance with the AFC Fire Safety Rules and NFPA 101, 2006 Edition Chapters 32 and/or 33.

Health Care Facilities: Under the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requirements, BFS can only accept door locking installations in facilities participating in these programs and all health care facilities subject to the requirements of the 2014 Health Care Facility Fire Safety Rules using the allowances for door locking found in Section 18.2.2.2.4, of the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) *Life Safety Code*[®] (LSC), NFPA 101[®], 2012. When Section 18.2.2.2.4(1) is being used, a notarized Clinical Needs Letter is required to be submitted to BFS.

Please note: A separate submittal detailing the interconnections to the building fire alarm system shall be submitted to BFS by a certified fire alarm firm. This office will then issue a separate FS-12A plan review / system documentation form for the fire alarm work associated with this project. The certified fire alarm firm is required to document (certify) the fire alarm interconnection on that form.

Other State-Regulated Facilities: Door locking for all other state-regulated facilities shall be in compliance with the appropriate Fire Safety Rules and the adopted LSC, NFPA 101.

Plan Submittals

Door locking plans and specifications must be submitted to BFS for review and inspection. An [Application for Fire Safety Plan Examination \(BFS-979\)](#) must accompany each plan submittal. Properly submitted door locking submittals shall include the following:

- a) Floor plans showing location(s) of doors to be locked
- b) Which exception for door locking is to be used (include a clinical needs letter when required)
- c) A detailed system of operation of the locked door
- d) The location of the fire alarm relay (if applicable)
- e) Equipment specification sheets

Additional questions may be directed to the BFS Plan Review Division at 517-241-8847.