



Code Compliance and Fire Safety Standards – Checklist for Administrators

Can a teacher lock down in seconds from the inside?	A door lock should deploy in seconds from the inside without opening the classroom door.	
Can Lockdown be accomplished under extreme stress?	A door lock should allow the user to lock down with a single hand, so the other hand can be on a cell phone or directing children to a safe area. The lockdown device should be tactile with "muscle memory" under extreme stress.	
Is the device inconspicuous from the outside when locked?	The lock should not indicate "locked or unlocked" from the outside, giving an intruder an indication of occupancy.	\checkmark
Is the lockdown device always ready, no separate parts to search for in an emergency?	The door lock should be always ready for use, no looking around for parts.	\checkmark
Is the device tested, listed and labeled to UL10C,NFPA 252, CAN/ULCS104?	Compliance with the International Building Code and NFPA Life Safety Guidance will ensure your Fire Marshal approves and the device does not degrade the door's fire rating.	\checkmark
Can the lock be opened quickly from the outside by emergency personnel?	It is imperative that emergency personnel are trained to unlock a door so breaching is not required, causing further harm and stress to occupants.	\checkmark
Does the Outside Key fit in a Knox Box?	It is imperative that emergency responders have access to a key at all times.	
Is the device "BullyProof"?	While active shooter incidents are rare, a bully or worse could be in the classroom 180 days a year and propose a threat if they can lock the door. We strongly recommend leaving doors unlocked until needed.	\checkmark
How many operations to unlock and unlatch for egress?	Some jurisdictions allow two separate operations to unlock and unlatch a classroom door. Most jurisdictions allow only a single linear or rotational operation to unlock and unlatch a door for egress. Always check with the authority having jurisdiction before purchasing a lockdown device.	
Is the lockdown device ADA Compliant?	A door should be openable using the limp-wrist, closed fist test, no pinching, twisting, or turning. It is important to provide accessibility to occupants. The device should be mounted 34-48" from the floor and the bottom of the door should remain free from snag hazards.	\checkmark
Special skills or knowledge required to unlock?	NFPA 101 Life Safety Guidance requires that no special knowledge is needed to unlock a door from the inside. Egress should be intuitive and obvious.	\checkmark