



Security Locks in Schools FAQs

1. [SPS 361.03\(13\)](#), [SPS 314.001\(1\)](#), NFPA 1 s. 14.4.1, and IBC s.1008.1.9

Q: Are door security or barricade devices, that are separate devices from the typical door hardware and latching mechanism, permitted to be used to secure doors in public buildings and places of employment, particularly classrooms in educational occupancies, during lockdown events?

A: No. While there are many innovative devices currently on the market for securing doors, if they operate independently of the typical door hardware and latch, requiring special knowledge or effort, they are not allowed and are contrary to IBC 1010.1.9. Furthermore, IBC 1010.1.9.5, the unlatching of any door or leaf shall not require more than one operation. There are code-compliant door hardware solutions, such as a classroom security lockset, that will allow egress doors to be locked from the classroom side, while at the same time allowing egress through normal operation of the door hardware on the classroom side, which will automatically release the latch and any accompanying dead bolt in a single operation.