

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA - FAIRBANKS

SUBJECT: Fire Doors	Number: 1217
OBJECTIVE: To Provide Guidance and Direction on the use and maintenance of fire doors.	Adoption Date: Dec. 1998 Revision Dates:

I. RESPONSIBILITY

All University staff, faculty, students and campus users are responsible for ensuring that all fire doors are kept closed at all times. Any problems with these doors is to be reported to the Physical Plant at telephone 474- 7000.

II. REQUIREMENTS

Exit doors and the routes to reach them must be properly identified and illuminated. Emergency lighting may also be required.

No locks or fastening devices that will prevent free escape from the building are permitted. The only exceptions are the magnetic locks which are installed in specific locations and which are tied directly into the fire alarm system. The doors will release at any time the fire alarm system is activated. A pull station Is located adjacent to each door. In a non-fire emergency activation of the pull station will cause the fire alarm system to activate and the doors will release. The locks also fail in the open position should there be a power failure.

Doors must be openable by a single operation. Locks requiring multiple operations or special knowledge or effort to open are not permitted except in single offices or authorized locations. These must be individually approved by the Fire Marshal.

The minimum door width shall not be less than 36 inches. This cannot be reduced with file cabinets, bookcases etc.

Exit doors, including the exit path floor area on both sides of the exit door, must be kept clear and accessible at all times. This includes the inside of the individual offices.

Doors located on exit corridors or doors on stairwells cannot be wedged open. Doors which need to be held open for any reason, should be on magnetic hold opens and tied directly into the fire alarm system.

III. Conflicts

When conflicts arise regarding security requirements and safe exiting requirements, contact the University Fire Marshal at 474-7681.