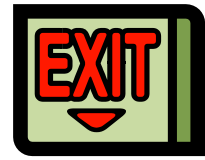


EXITS



Exit doors, corridors, stairways, aisles and areas designated for occupant discharge shall not be obstructed in any manner.

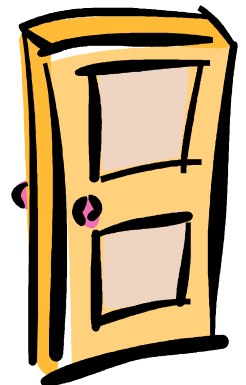
A clear, unobstructed exit pathway to the building exterior shall be provided.

In other words:

- All doorways are to remain clear (clear = the entire width of the doorway) at all times.
- If a door is present, then it shall be used as a door at all times. If a classroom has two doors, then two doors will be clear for use at all times.

Exit doors shall not be locked, bolted, fastened or otherwise obstructed, which would keep them from being opened from the inside without special use or knowledge.

All exit doors shall be maintained in proper working order. All door knobs and panic hardware* shall operate easily and doors shall open to the full width and latch (on their own) when closing. Exit doors may not be locked, chained, bolted, barred, latched or rendered unusable. All locking devices shall be of an approved type.



Myth Busters

- Telling the Risk Manager that the item blocking the door is only there today. It does not matter, **exit doors shall remain clear at all times.**
- There are double exit doors so one can be blocked temporarily (e.g., for holiday decoration contest). **All exit doors shall remain clear at all times.**
- The classroom has two doors and only one is used so the other can have items in front of it. **All exit doors shall remain clear at all times.**
- Spectators in a school gym are “sneaking in” without paying admission, so the parent group had decided to block all but the one main entrance door. **All exit doors shall remain clear at all times.**

Hopefully a theme is coming across loud and “clear”.

* Panic hardware—is designed to provide fast and easy egress to allow building occupants to exit safely in an emergency.

