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Policy #13-001 ACCESS CONTROLLED EGRESS DOORS FROM ELEVATOR LOBBIES

References: 2009 IBC 1008.1.4.4

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the installation of access controlled egress doors from elevator lobbies.

Egress doors from elevator lobbies may have access controls installed where unhindered access to stairs is not possible due to physical obstructions and security issues within tenant spaces. Plans must be reviewed and approved by Fire Prevention prior to installation of hardware. All of the following conditions must be met:

1. A manual unlocking device must be provided within 12 inches of the door frame and must be clearly labeled, "Pull handle (or push button) to release door"
2. Access control devices must fail open on power loss, general building alarm or floor alarm or elevator recall.
3. Manual unlocking devices must be readily operable without the use of any special knowledge or tools.
4. Access control system specifications shall be reviewed and approved before installation
5. The egress path to stairs shall be readily apparent, well lit, and covered by proper exit signage and emergency lighting
6. Access control systems shall be inspected by Development Services and Fire Prevention inspectors prior to activation.

These conditions, if accepted constitute an alternate materials approval to item 1 of section 1008.1.4.4 of the 2009 IBC and do not waive or replace the other requirements of that section.