



Tentative Interim Amendment

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Pursuant to Section 5 of the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards*, the National Fire Protection Association has issued the following Tentative Interim Amendment to NFPA 101®, *Life Safety Code®*, 2018 edition. The TIA was processed by the Technical Committee on Educational and Day-Care Occupancies, and the Correlating Committee on Safety to Life, and was issued by the Standards Council on August 6, 2019, with an effective date of August 26, 2019.

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1. Add new item 15.2.2.2.4(3) and renumber subsequent items to read as follows:

15.2.2.2.4* Classroom Door Locking to Prevent Unwanted Entry. Classroom doors shall be permitted to be locked to prevent unwanted entry provided that the locking means is approved and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The locking means shall be capable of being engaged without opening the door.

(2) The unlocking and unlatching from the classroom side of the door can be accomplished without the use of a key, tool, or special knowledge or effort.

(3) Two non-simultaneous releasing operations shall be permitted.

(34) The releasing mechanisms for unlocking and unlatching shall be located at a height not less than 34 in. (865 mm) and not exceeding 48 in. (1220 mm) above the finished floor.

(45) Locks, if remotely engaged, shall be unlockable from the classroom side of the door without the use of a key, tool, or special knowledge or effort.

(56) The door shall be capable of being unlocked and opened from outside the room with the necessary key or other credential.

(67) The locking means shall not modify the door closer, panic hardware, or fire exit hardware.

(78) Modifications to fire door assemblies, including door hardware, shall be in accordance with NFPA 80.

(89) The emergency action plan, required by 15.7.1, shall address the use of the locking and unlocking means from within and outside the room.

(910) Staff shall be drilled in the engagement and release of the locking means, from within and outside the room, as part of the emergency egress drills required by 15.7.2.

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