



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



37.106.2033 SPECIAL LOCKING ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) The facility must follow the provisions of the 2000 Edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, (LSC). A copy of this publication can be obtained from the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Quality Assurance Division, Licensure Bureau, 2401 Colonial Drive, P.O. Box 202953, Helena MT 59620-2953.
- (2) The 2000 Edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, (LSC), has the following requirements for special locking arrangements for a secured SCSF unit. LSC 5- 2.1.6 .1 states:
 - (a) In buildings protected throughout by an approved supervised automatic fire detection system or approved supervised automatic sprinkler system and when permitted by chapters 8 through 30, doors in low or ordinary hazard areas, as defined by LSC 4-2.2, may be equipped with approved, listed, locking devices which shall:
 - (i) unlock upon actuation of an approved supervised automatic fire detection system or approved supervised automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with LSC 7-6 or 7-7; and
 - (ii) unlock upon loss of power controlling the lock or locking mechanism; and
 - (iii) initiate an irreversible process which will release the lock within 15 seconds whenever a force of not more than 15 pounds (67N) is continuously applied, for a period of not more than three seconds to the release device required in LSC 5-2.1.5.3. Relocking of such doors shall be by manual means only. Operation of the release device shall activate a signal in the vicinity of the door for assuring those attempting to exit that the system is functional. Exception to this subsection: The authority having jurisdiction may approve a delay not to exceed 30 seconds provided that reasonable life safety is assured pursuant to LSC 5-2.1.6.2. A sign shall be provided on the door adjacent to the release device which reads:

PUSH UNTIL ALARM SOUNDS
DOOR CAN BE OPENED IN 15 SECONDS

- (A) Sign letters shall be at least one inch (2.5cm) high and one eighth inch (0.3cm) wide stroke.

- (3) The department shall grant an SCSF exception to the LSC code - Special Locking Arrangements, based on an equivalency for the automatically releasing, panic hardware required by LSC 5-2.1.6 .1. All of the following conditions shall apply to granting the exception:
- (a) the use of mechanical locks, such as dead bolt, is not permitted. All locks used must be electromagnetically controlled;
 - (b) all secured doors in the unit must have a manual electronic key pad which must release the door after entry of the proper code sequence;
 - (c) all locks on all secured doors must automatically release upon any of the following conditions:
 - (i) the actuation of the approved supervised automatic fire alarm system;
 - (ii) the actuation of an approved supervised automatic sprinkler system;
 - (iii) loss of the public utility power controlling locks; and
 - (iv) a staff accessible switch at the staff station which is capable of releasing all doors.

Authorizing statute(s): 50-5-103, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 50-5-103, MCA

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