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Lockdown Hardware Operation

Code: 2012 Fire Prevention Code
Section: 404.3.3, 1008.1.9.5

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Question:

Does the current NC Fire Code language, for the purposes of an emergency lockdown situation, allow for the utilization of more than one action or motion in order to open a door or door leaf?

Answer:

Yes. Lockdown situations, referenced in Chapter 4 of the Fire Prevention Code are emergency situations requiring that the occupants be sheltered and secured in place within a building when normal evacuation would put occupants a risk. Lockdown plans are implemented in situations where normal egress has been determined to be detrimental to the life or safety of the occupant. All lockdown plans shall be approved by the Fire Code Enforcement Official. This approval could include additional actions or motions in order to open a door or door leaf depending upon details specified in the lockdown plan and supersedes restrictions found in Section 1008.1.9.5 for single action unlatching of egress door hardware.

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