Barricade devices installed in addition to existing latching hardware are not compliant with the International Building Code, International Fire Code, NFPA 101—The Life Safety Code, ADA Standards for Accessible Design and other national accessibility standards, or with the classroom security guidelines of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM).

These model codes, standards, and guidelines help to ensure free egress, fire protection, and accessibility for all building occupants. Therefore, before using a barricade device on any door within a school or other public building, confirm that the local code requirements and/or the Authority Having Jurisdiction allow the use of these devices.

Measures should be taken to prevent unauthorized use of barricade devices as many of these products will prevent staff and emergency responders from entering the room to assist occupants.







NFPA 80—Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives requires fire doors to close and latch automatically in order to deter the spread of smoke and flames and protect the egress routes for emergency evacuation. This standard also requires hardware installed on a fire door assembly to be tested and certified for that purpose. Devices which prevent a door from latching may not be used on a fire door unless allowed by a local code modification or approved by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.