

#### 7.2.1.5.8

If a stair enclosure allows access to the roof of the building, the door assembly to the roof either shall be kept locked preventing access to the roof or shall allow re-entry from the roof.

ENHANCED CONTENT

Collapse ✕

Paragraph 7.2.1.5.8 was written to prevent building occupants from being trapped on a roof by a locked door assembly that does not permit re-entry into the building. If security concerns, for example, dictate that rooftop door assemblies are to be locked against entry from the outside, then the door assemblies also need to be locked from the inside to prevent unauthorized building occupants from going to the roof and becoming trapped. Note that there is no requirement that stair enclosure door assemblies provide rooftop access. Heroic helicopter rescues from rooftops of burning buildings, such as those portrayed in Hollywood movies, occur in real life only very occasionally.