



OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS  
ADVISORY STATEMENT

TO: SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENTS & ADMINISTRATORS  
BUILDING & FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

FROM: OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS

DATE: MAY 2016

RE: ADVISORY STATEMENT – BARRICADE DEVICES & EGRESS IN  
EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES

House Bill 64 adopted by the Ohio General Assembly on June 30, 2015 included new language which required the Ohio Board of Building Standards (Board) to adopt rules for the use of a device by a staff member in a school that prevents both ingress and egress through school doors in an emergency situation and during active shooter drills. At its meeting on April 8, 2016, the Board adopted language allowing for the use of Temporary Door Locking Devices (TDLD) in schools under the conditions set forth in these rules and these amendments became effective **April 18, 2016**.

The Board initiated the rule change process in October 2015 and multiple public meetings were held with interested parties. The final adopted rules and summary can be found at the following link:  
[http://www.com.state.oh.us/documents/dico\\_OhioBuildingCodeAmendmentsEffApril2016.pdf](http://www.com.state.oh.us/documents/dico_OhioBuildingCodeAmendmentsEffApril2016.pdf)

Prior to purchasing and implementing any TDLD, the Board advises school systems to work with their local building and fire departments for any proposed alteration to school buildings. Schools seeking to use barricade devices must be able to prove that they have developed and adopted emergency management plans compliant with RC 3313.536, and use of these devices (during both emergencies and exercises) must be established in a given school's emergency management plan.

For questions about these or other building code requirements for schools, please contact your local building and fire departments, or:

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