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The Importance of Emergency Exit Doors and Fire Doors

Emergency Exit Doors

Emergency exit routes provide a clear, safe way to evacuate a building in case of a crisis or disaster. First responders such as fire or police may also utilize emergency exits to enter a building during a disaster or crisis. Identifying and maintaining emergency exits and emergency exit routes are an important part of your workplace Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Exit routes and exit access must be clear and unblocked to allow for quick and safe exit in case of an emergency. Blocking and obstructing exit doors and routes will create delay, panic, and confusion in the case of an emergency and can become a safety hazard.

The emergency exit doors require to be outlined on floor plans that are posted by each emergency exit door and on your health and safety bulletin board. All emergency exit doors are to be inspected during the monthly health and safety inspection and maintained clear by all workplace parties.



Fire Doors

Fire doors protect commercial buildings from the spread of fire by confining it to a specific area for a longer period of time. This allows people within the building enough time to escape via alternative routes which might otherwise be cut off by fire. Along with emergency exit doors, fire doors are to be inspected during the monthly health and safety inspection to ensure that they are closed and will do their job in the event of a fire.



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