



BUILDING OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION 2018-06
July 01, 2021

CODE/EDITION: VIRGINIA UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE/2018

SECTION(S): IBC/2018, Section 1010 Doors, Gates, Turnstiles
IBC/2018, Section 1010.1.9 Door Operations
IBC/2018, Section 1010.1.9.4 Locks and Latches

QUESTION:

1. If a pair of doors is installed with one of the doors being an inactive leaf, is a lock or latch permitted to prevent operation of the inactive leaf?

ANSWER:

1. If the active door leaf and inactive door leaf are egress doors, approved automatic flush bolts are permitted to be used in the inactive door leaf in accordance with Section 1010.1.9.4 Locks and Latches, Paragraph 3:

"3. Where egress doors are used in pairs, approved automatic flush bolts shall be permitted to be used, provided that the door leaf having the automatic flush bolts has no doorknob or surface-mounted hardware."

If the inactive door leaf is not intended to be an egress door, a lock or latch is permitted to prevent operation of the inactive door leaf provided that the inactive door leaf has no doorknob or surface-mounted hardware.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Mays".

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