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Increase Fire Protection for Schools
It's Time!

Lockdowns Delay Egress

When a school is locked down, students are no longer free to immediately exit. During lockdown, students are forced to remain in-place and if fire occurs they may not be adequately protected. When students are sheltered in place, it is comparable to institutional use (jails, hospitals, nursing homes). They are all protected with Fire Sprinklers! Schools should be too!

Keep students safe where they should be safest!

If you think lockdowns are rare, isolated occurrences, think again! Here are recent lockdowns that are occurred around the country in just one week!

- **Benecia, CA** - 3 Benecia Schools On Brief Lockdown After Threats **09/26/16**
- **Las Vegas, NV** - Domestic incident prompts 2 school lockdowns in NW Vegas **09/26/16**
- **Pocono, PA** - Pocono Schools on Lockdown after Social Media Post **09/26/16**
- **St Joseph, MO** - Police incidents lead to school lockdowns **09/23/16**
- **Rancho Cucamonga, CA** - Rancho Cucamonga High School on lockdown after stabbing **09/21/16**
- **Pittsburgh, PA** - Police chase prompts school lockdowns **09/19/16**
- **Birmingham, AL** - Clown Facebook post, warnings put more Alabama schools on lockdown **09/19/16**

When alarms sound, students today are not evacuating but, in fact, some school districts and state agencies specifically tell students to ignore fire alarms. The model that protects students who are "sheltered-in-place" is based on institutional occupancies. The code development process has developed door hardware and other modifications to the IBC, IFC, and IEBC to accommodate and protect, but the process has not tackled the fire protection issue as it has with institutional occupancies. When fire alarms are ignored and students are crouched in a corner of a room, and do not or cannot respond to any commands at the door; what protects the students when there is a fire?

When schools start to resemble institutional occupancies, then the fire and life safety requirements of institutional occupancies need to be applied to educational occupancies. This proposal provides increased fire protection that is flexible to every community and school district.



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