

**Email from CMS Denver Regional Office on the Posting of Code for Keypads**

Here it is!

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**Subject:** Door Locking Requirements

**RE: DOOR LOCKING REQUIREMENTS**

**NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2000 Edition**

**Sections 19.2.2.2.4 / 18.2.2.2.4 and 19.2.2.2.5 / 18.2.2.2.5.**

This message is to clarify my email of October 31, 2008 regarding the use of keypad locks and the posting of codes for access to those locks. The codes listed above **do not** require that a provider post the security code for keypads of locked doors next to or nearby any keypad.

**However, it is CMS's expectation, that during a Life Safety Code survey, K-38 will be cited if egress doors on a floor are locked and there is evidence that all cognitively aware residents, staff and visitors do not have access to the method of opening the doors.**

If staff is not aware of how to open the egress doors or cannot open the egress doors, it is very likely an *immediate jeopardy* situation.

Please share this with your surveyors and let me know if you have any questions.

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