

SANS 10400 Part T

4.16.9 Every locking device fitted to an access door or escape door in any escape route shall be of a type approved by the local authority, provided that in any building where an electronic locking device is required for security purposes, such locking device shall be of a type which unlocks automatically when any of the fire detection equipment or electrical fire protection equipment of the building is activated or when there is no power to the locking device.

4.16.11 Security gates used to secure doors along escape routes shall comply with the relevant requirements of 4.16.9 and 4.20 and shall be provided with facilities to lock them in the open position whilst such premises are occupied. Such gates shall open in the direction of egress.

NOTE Locking devices that are unacceptable include keys in break glass boxes. Locking devices that are acceptable should be capable of being operated in a single movement without the use of a key.

4.19.9 No door giving access to an emergency route shall, when opened, obstruct the progress of persons using such route.

4.19.10 A door frame, and door leaf when in the open position, shall not protrude into the width of the emergency route by more than 100 mm on either side.

T2 Offences:

Any person who causes or permits any escape route to be rendered less effective or to be obstructed in any way which may hinder or prevent the escape of any person from a building in the case of a fire or any other emergency shall be guilty of an offence.