

A Campus Fire Safety Message from



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Fire Prevention
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Fire and smoke doors can not protect you... *... if they are held open or do not close properly*

All the protection smoke and fire doors have to offer in time of fire, is useless if the doors are not closed. Designed to contain smoke and fire, some- times automatically, these doors help provide occupants time to escape.

These pictures from the same fire clearly show the power of a door. Inside the room was destroyed, while outside the hallway remained clear enough for everyone to escape.



On average, more than 5000 violations related to ob- structed, damaged or compromised fire doors are identified on colleges and uni- versities in New York State each year.

So the next time you walk down the hall, enter a stairwell, or bend down to place the wooden chock, remember, the door you silently curse, is the door de- signed to protect you.

Trust your life with the door.

Is the door nearest you, one of them?

§F703.2 Opening protectives. Opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition in accordance with NFPA 80. Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed or otherwise made inoperable.