



Policy Statement

Hopkins Fire Prevention Bureau

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Subject: Fire Doors

Fire rated doors are required to be installed in a number of Situations by the building code. Their purpose is to keep smoke and fire from passing from One area to another in most cases you can recognize these doors by their heavy feel and automatic Closer- Most of these doors will also have a label on the top edge or hinge edge stating that it is a fire rated door

Locations where you will find fire doors include stairwells serving more than two levels, boiler rooms, laundry rooms, individual unit doors and storage rooms. Any door that opens onto an exit corridor is require to be rated unless the building is very small- Another common application for fire doors is to separate hazardous areas from other areas.

Operation

Section 10008 of the MN Uniform Fire Code requires that fire doors be maintained in an operable condition. They are required to be self closing and latching without assistance. The door closer, knob and latch shall be listed for the intended use.

Obstruction

Required fire doors shall not be blocked open or otherwise have their proper operation impaired. Violations of this requirement shall be handled as follows:

- 1st offense - Written orders to correct the problem -

2nd offense - Written orders to Place a sign on the door stating: "FIRE DOOR, KEEP IT CLOSED"
- 3rd offense - Written orders shall be issued requiring that a system to automatically close the door in the event of smoke be installed.