

Definitions:

Means of Egress Door, Exit Door: A door used in the Means of Egress or exit pathway.

Bedroom Door: A door used to an individual bedroom.

Residential use group: Dormitories and Fraternities are in Residential use group R-2.

Massachusetts Building Code:

(latest edition and including any proposed changes in the newest revision about to come out)

1010.1.9.3 Locks and Latches:

Locks and latches shall be permitted to prevent the operation of doors where any of the following exist:

4.) Doors from individual dwelling or sleeping units of Group R occupancies having an occupant load of 10 or less are permitted to be equipped with a night latch, dead bolt, or security chain, provided such devices are openable from the inside without the use of a key or tool.

1010.1.9.4 Bolt locks:

Manually operated flush bolts or surface locks are not permitted.

Deadbolts that are not allowed:: "flush bolts", "surface locks", and any bolt or lock which requires a key or tool to open from the inside. Any bolt or lock on an "exit door" which required one hand to operate and another hand to turn knob is also bad.

Deadbolts that are allowed: See 1010.1.9.3.4.) above.