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Classroom Door Barricade/Security Systems

In light of today's culture, we must continue to take steps to enhance the security of our properties to reduce harm to our children. Currently, there are numerous lockdown procedures, safety programs, door security methods, etc. available for use. It is important to know there is not one single method or device that will offer 100% protection from harm. That said, we must always continue to improve our security procedures. Installing door barricade/security systems will offer you an improved chance of survival against a violent intruder.

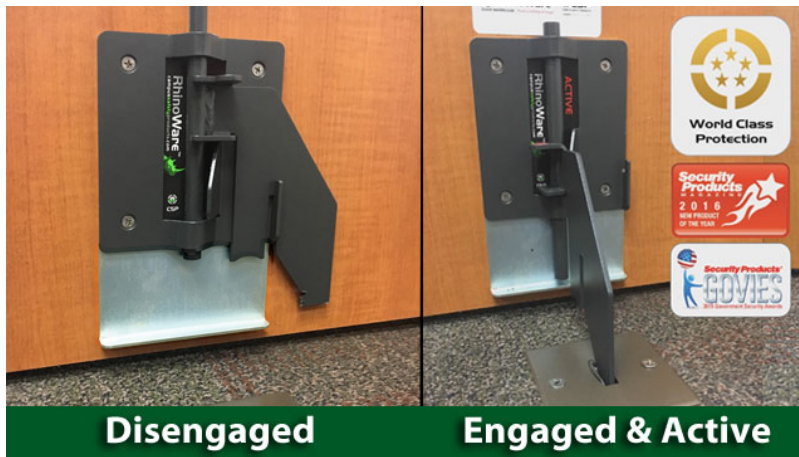
When you experience an active shooter/violent intruder, it is best to follow your RUN-HIDE-FIGHT method in place. If you have determined it is safe to do so, RUN and escape from the building/area. If you have determined that escaping is not possible, HIDE and shelter in place. When confronted by the intruder, FIGHT may be your only resort.

There are several door barricade systems currently on the market. Catholic Mutual does not endorse any one of these products; however, we do recommend consideration be given to install any such device to add security to your classrooms.

For doors that open both inward and outward, the following products are available. Any similar barricade system depicted in the photographs below would allow an immediate lockdown of classrooms and offices when you need to shelter in place. The simplicity of installation and activation makes these devices effective tools for added protection.

Prior to installation, you should first consider the overall condition, strength, and type of doors and door frames that exist in your buildings. It may be necessary to upgrade some doors to maximize the protection.

Rhino Door Barricade System



RhinoWare is recommended for any room that can be made a safe room including classrooms, offices, conference rooms, bathroom, etc. Easily engages and disengages and allows first responders to quickly gain access to a RhinoWare protected room from the outside. Works on doors that open inward and outward. Can withstand several tons of pressure.

For More Information Visit:

<http://campussafetyproducts.com/rhinoware.php>

NightLock Lockdown 1



The NightLock Lockdown 1 uses the strength of the floor to withstand tremendous force and pressure. NightLock 1 is compatible on any outward or inward-swinging doors. The NightLock 1 unit is installed at floor level, which allows the person to stay low and out of harm's way when dropping the pin in place.

Locking Handles – Keep Them Safe and Available



The Night Lock Locking Handles can be conveniently stored in a secure location within the classroom or office. A Wall Box is provided with each unit, and can be positioned anywhere in the room for quick access to the handle in case of an emergency lockdown event. The handle is red for quick and easy visibility. Most schools prefer positioning of the wall box near the door or at the teacher's desk as seen in the photographs above.

For More Information Visit:

<https://nightlock.com/lockdown-door-barricade-devices/>

Barracuda Intruder Defense System - Model DSI



The Barracuda Model DSI is designed to lock down inward swinging vertical doors in a matter of seconds. Simply place the device on the floor and slide the metal plates under the door. Pushing outward on the handles engages the plates to the exterior door jamb and the device is securely locked in place by simply inserting a pin.

Features and Benefits:

Fast and easy installation as it is lightweight with heavy duty steel construction and acts as a free standing device that is easily transferrable to another access point.

For More Information Visit:

[https://www.bilco.com/Store/ProductDetailPage/1DSI-1/Barracuda Intruder Defense System - Model DSI](https://www.bilco.com/Store/ProductDetailPage/1DSI-1/Barracuda%20Intruder%20Defense%20System%20-%20Model%20DSI)

Another method of security for doors that possess hydraulic overhead hinges and open outward, is the use of straps/belts, tie downs, or a “sleeve” device placed on the door hinge. Once secured and in place, it is virtually impossible to open the door completely to allow access. The installation offers immediate activation of door security by simply installing any of these devices on the door closure arms. This will prevent the hinges from opening and spreading out.



For More Information Visit:

<https://fightingchancesolutions.com/products/the-sleeve>

If purchasing such devices proves to be a financial burden, another method of securing doors that open into rooms, is chaining of desks/chairs. This practice can be implemented as part of your lockdown drills and cost nothing as it utilizes current classroom or office furniture to secure the doors. Once you have determined to shelter in place, quickly place desks end to end from the door to the opposite side of the room up against the wall. If there are gaps in between the desks once in place, insert the seat back of student chairs in those voids to further stabilize the chaining. The photos below depict the results of chaining the desks and can be deployed in a matter of seconds.



A violent intruder situation can happen anywhere and anytime. These devices and procedures take only a few seconds to deploy and provide better security to reduce the potential of entry. Delaying an intruder is an integral part of protecting everyone from

harm. As part of your safety and security program, we ask that you consider procedures and devices such as these to deploy on your classroom and/or other doors.

As always, check with your local fire jurisdiction first to ensure you are not in violation of code by installing any of these devices.

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