



HARRIS COUNTY FIRE CODE



CODEWORD

Codewords are used to clarify provisions of the Harris County Fire Code.
The sole intent is to provide information regarding acceptable practice.

Date: May 12, 2009

Subject: Electronic locks

Code: International Building Code 2006, Section: 1008.1.3.4

Question: When are electronic locking devices allowed in Harris County?

Answer: Electronic locking devices are allowed in the occupancies listed in the above code section as well as when approved by the Building Official.

Electronic locking devices may be approved to meet specialized security needs including, but not limited to, Alzheimer units, money handling rooms, night operation of convenience stores or police stations, etc.


Approval will require the door to be monitored by an on-site guard, staff or employee trained in the method of releasing the locking device at times when the building or space is occupied.

A separate permit for specific approval shall be required for each locking device and may be revoked at any time by the Building Official for due cause.

Plans shall be submitted for approval to the Fire Code review section,
10555 Northwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston TX 77092.



Building Official
Harris County, Texas



Fire Marshal
Harris County, Texas