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The Office of the State Fire Marshal is issuing a state-wide variance from certain requirements of the Kansas Fire Prevention Code during active shooter and lock down situations in all K-12 and postsecondary educational buildings in Kansas. This variance is only in effect during actual active shooter/lock down situations and during training for those events. **Only temporary security devices that can be installed at the time of an event will be allowed.** No permanent types of security devices (such as magnet strips on door frames or straps attached to doors that hold panic bars in) will be allowed to be attached to doors or door frames at any time. The barricading of classroom doors as recommended in the ALICE training program will be allowed.

Schools and school districts will be required to contact their local fire, law enforcement, and first responder community and confidentially share with them the types of devices being used so the responders know what to expect in any type of response.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal highly suggests that any school district that has questions on the devices that will be allowed contact our office for assistance, before implementing any devices or making any purchases.

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