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To: Fire Alarm and Electrical Contractors
From: Robert J. Frances, P.E., Director
Subject: Fire Alarm Permit Required For All Electrically Held Special Locking Devices

The International Building Code (IBC) and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code allow different types of electronic locking mechanisms for tenants and building owners to enhance the level of security. These locks are commonly referred to as maglocks. Most of the time, these locks require a connection to the building's fire alarm system.

Beginning June 1, 2011, this department will require a fire alarm permit for all electrically held special locking devices (maglocks). This type of permit will be in addition to the electrical permit that is already required.

If you have any questions regarding these locks, please contact Donald Mock at 410-313-3948.

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