

Have you seen fire doors wedged open care or nursing homes? This often happens when closed fire doors restrict the movement of the residents and staff. It is, however, an illegal and dangerous practice.



It breaches fire safety legislation and puts lives at risk. Fire doors are an intrinsic part of slowing the spread of fire, giving staff valuable time to safely evacuate residents.

Wedging fire doors open allows the fire to spread unhindered, so finding a legal way to hold them open is essential to meet both your fire safety obligations, as well as allowing staff and residents free movement within the building.

**Fire safety in care homes is the law according to the Fire Safety Order and the Care Act, which is regulated by the Care Quality Commission. Not meeting your legal obligations with fire safety risks imprisonment and an unlimited fine.**

### Benefits of fire door devices:

- Easier access to move patients, trolleys and equipment
- Cumbersome fire doors can feel lightweight and easy to use for frail, disabled and older patients
- Reducing the feeling of isolation by keeping bedroom doors ajar
- Compliance with fire regulations
- Reduce risk of injury from heavy doors closing too quickly, trapping fingers or bumping people
- Prevents residents being disturbed at night due to fire doors slamming



### WIRE-FREE CHOICES

Fitting internal fire doors with wire-free fire door holders and closers can ensure all your high risk areas are compliant with all relevant regulations without the need for expensive re-wiring. Decide which is the best wire-free fire door devices for your care home:



#### Radio-activated solutions:

Salamander wire-free devices are controlled by radio technology directly linked to the fire alarm control panel. Due to this direct connection, the risk of false activation is eliminated making it ideal for care homes as doors closing unexpectedly may cause distress or injury for the residents which may lead to fire doors being wedged open.

Controlled and monitored centrally from a mains operated controller, the fire door holders and closers are regularly used for high risk areas such as bedroom doors, escape routes, corridors and stairwells.

The Salamander fire door system also has a vibrating pillow alarm (Zleepsafe) that will wake guests that are hard of hearing or deaf if the fire alarm sounds reducing anxiety.

#### Sound-activated devices:

The Agrippa fire door holders and closers are activated by the specific sound of a fire alarm and are standalone products which can simply be installed where required. As the Agrippa devices learn the sound of the fire alarm, false activations from background noises unless in extreme noisy areas.

The devices have a battery life checker for easy maintenance, a daily timed release to close all doors at night time and a manual release button. An electrician is not needed to set up the Agrippa devices as they are quick and easy to install.



The Agrippa pillow alarm has the same signature listen and learn technology which learns the sound of your fire alarm.

### Customer Comments

"The Agrippa fire door closers are wire-free so they were very easy to install with no disruption, and have proved to be perfectly reliable, with no false activations. Their use means residents are free to move around our care homes without restriction, and we can be sure that in the event of a fire emergency they will be protected"

"Having just installed a new fire alarm system we were informed by our fire engineer that we had to install door closers on every bedroom door. It looked as though we would have to install magnetic closers which would have necessitated additional wiring for each closer. It was then I came across the Agrippa closer which operates by battery acoustically and also allows the door to be held open fully or at any point between fully open and closed. They were easy to install and we were able to programme them ourselves."



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