

Door wedges may seem innocent but they risk lives and huge unlimited fines! When closed fire doors can restrict the movement of hotel guests and staff, door wedges are often used, however it is an illegal and dangerous practice that must be prevented.

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. Therefore 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.



With an average of 700 fires in hotels in Great Britain every year, wedging fire doors open risks lives and huge fines.

### Benefits of fire door devices:

- Easier access for guests and staff with large cases or trolleys
- Closing devices can make heavy doors feel lightweight and easy to use for older or disabled guests
- Improve the appearance of the hotel by allowing light to flow through the building and seem more spacious
- Compliance with fire regulations
- Reduce the 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 relevant fire regulations.



### 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 hotels as corridors are clear for guests and staff to move around the building without the need to wedge fire doors 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 escape routes, corridors and stairwells.

### 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 are reduced.

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.

### SALAMANDER Pillow alarm also available.



The Agrippa pillow alarm is designed for guests who are deaf or hard of hearing as it alerts them when the fire alarm sounds. It is a portable and wire-free meaning it can be moved around the hotel as required. Due to its 'listen and learn' technology, the pillow alarm will only activate if it hears the sound of the fire alarm. High intensity LED lights will also flash and an LCD screen displays 'FIRE'.

The Duke of Richmond Hotel in Gurnsey said: "We chose the Agrippa pillow fire alarm as it was the perfect cost-effective solution for us. We keep the pillow alarm on reception in case we have any guests that require the product. The most important thing was ensuring we are able to alert all guests in the event of a fire."



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