



PIKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

4881 West 71st Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268

Monday, May 01, 2017

Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
and Code Services
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Variance 17-05-13
Day Early Learning
5735 W. 73rd St
Indianapolis, Indiana 46268

Dear Commission Members,
Pike Township Fire Department has reviewed the above variance request that is based on orders to correct violations written on January 23rd, 2017.

Pike Township Fire Department remonstrates against any variance that would make an exit door difficult to open. The means of egress design is very important to the evacuation of a building. Exit doors hardware is intentionally designed to make doors easy to open and to accommodate people in our community that have disabilities.

In addition we do not support the request to grant a variance on the requirement of their window blinds not complying with the flame spread and smoke generations requirements of 807.1 of the 2014 Indiana Fire Code. 675 IAC 22-2.5

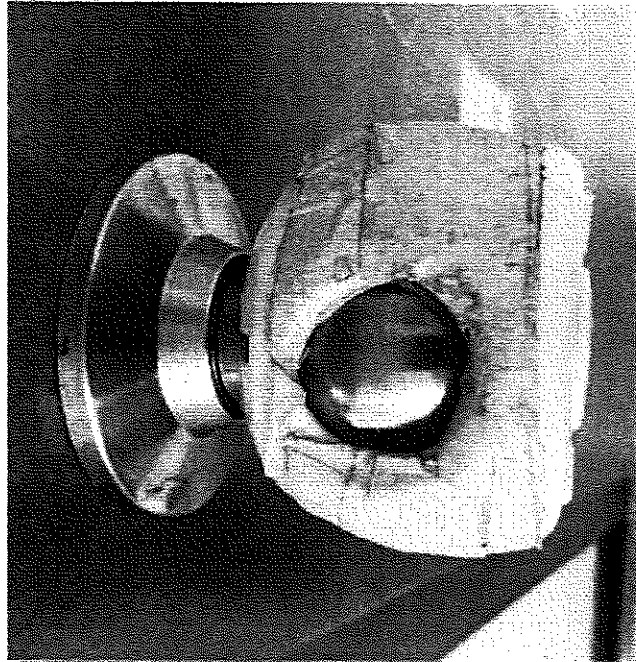
See the following pictures for reference and if you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

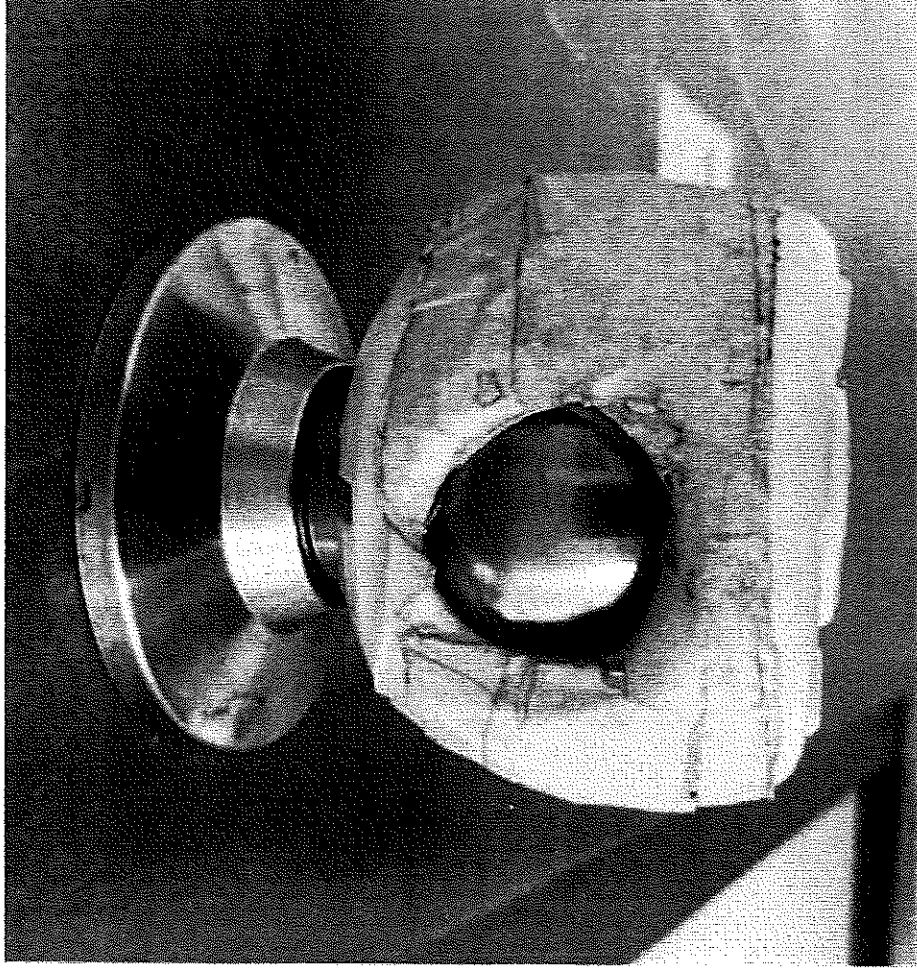
Sincerely,

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[B] 1008.1.9.1 Hardware. Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors required to be accessible by Chapter 11 of the *International Building Code* shall not require tight grasping, tight pinching or twisting of the wrist to operate.

[B] 1008.1.9 Door operations. Except as specifically permitted by this section egress doors shall be readily operable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort.



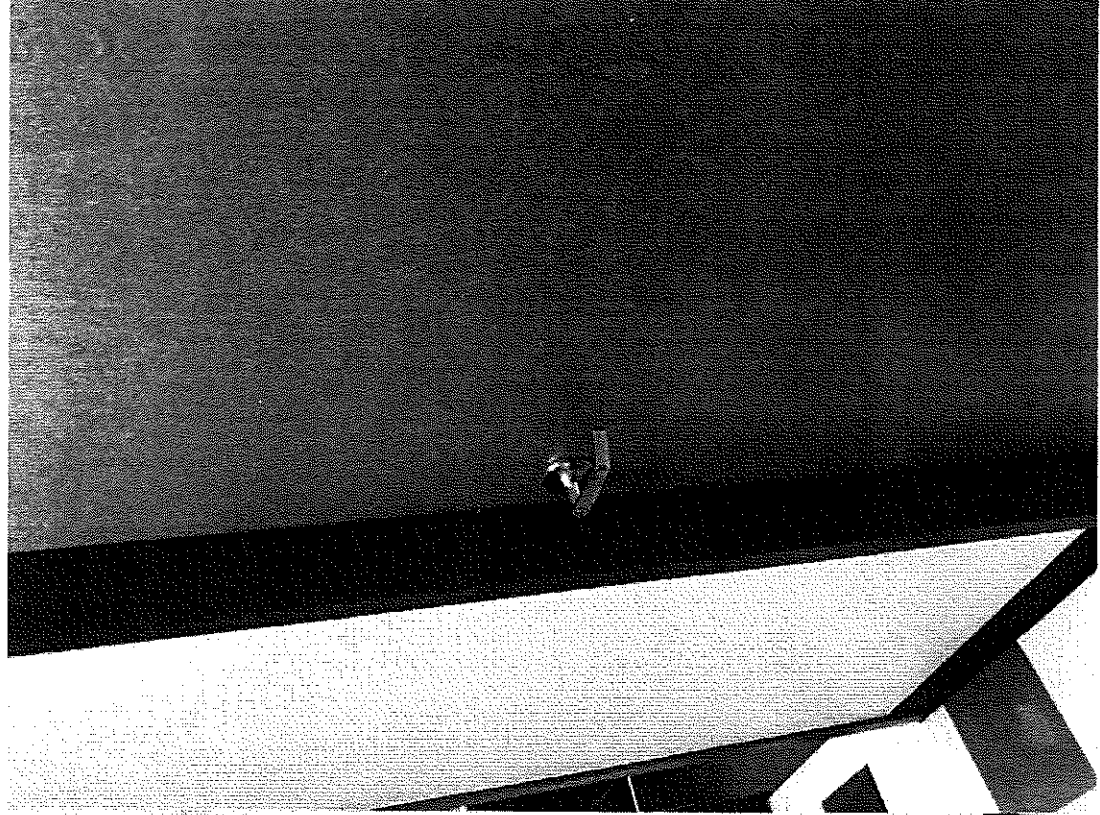


Less than 20% of door knob
surface can be TIGHTLY GRASP to
open exit doors

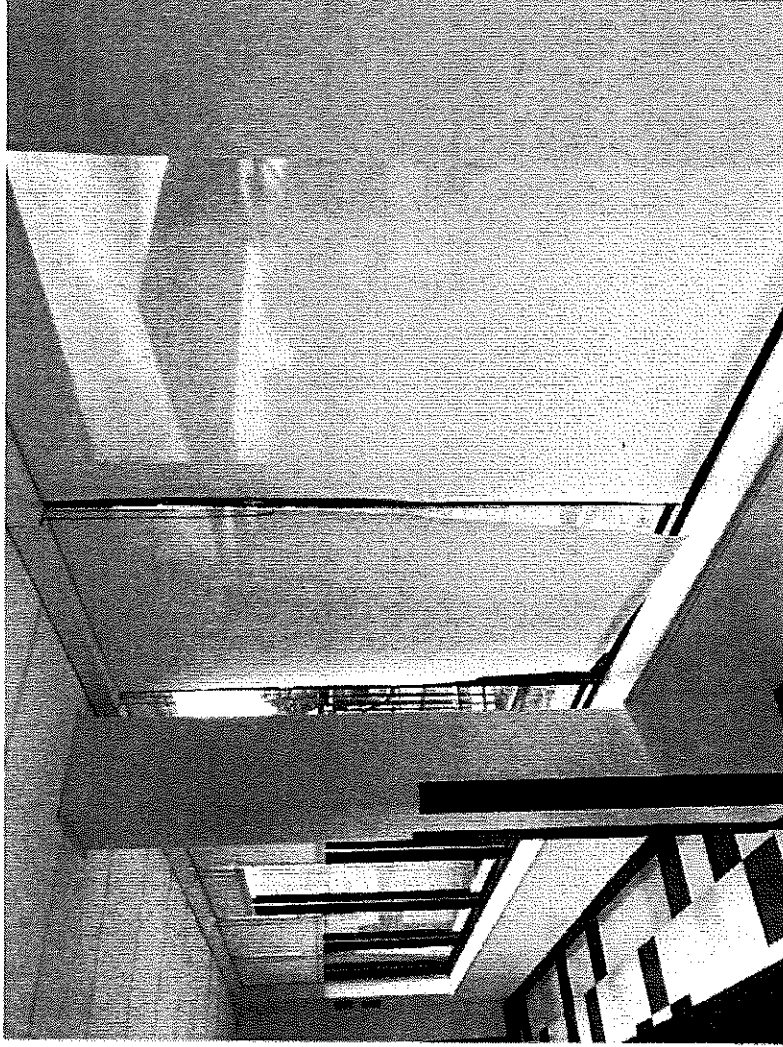
Non Code Compliant
Hardware



Code Compliant
Hardware



807.1 General requirements. In occupancies in Groups A, E, I and R-1, and dormitories in Group R-2, curtains, draperies, hangings and other decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701 in accordance with Section 807.2 or be noncombustible.



Window blinds are made up of a plastic or vinyl material.

