

HSEM ALERT

Blocked Emergency Exits

Who needs to read this?

All Curtin University Staff, Students

Incident Details

During a routine inspection of Building 213 (Tim Winton Lecture Theatre), it was identified that two sets of emergency exit doors were barricaded shut with broomsticks whilst an event was being held inside the building at the time.



Information

- Blocked emergency exits pose a significant risk to all those using the space. During an emergency these doors are a vital means of escape for those inside the building.
- Emergency exits must remain clear and accessible at all times.

Recommendations

- Remind all staff, students, contractor and visitors that if they require doors to be closed or locked for crowd control purposes, they must contact the Safer Community Team.
- Signage can be placed on the door to guide people to the appropriate entry and exit points, without impeding access during emergencies.



- Under no circumstances should anything be used to obstruct access to emergency exits

Who do we call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health, Safety and Emergency Management on 9266 4900 or email emergency_management@curtin.edu.au.

References

AS 3745:2010 Planning for emergencies in facilities

[Curtin Emergency Evacuation Guidelines](#)

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