Is your school prepared to lockdown safely in the event of school violence? Safety isn’t just about closing the door; it’s also about opening it. The National Association of State Fire Marshals recommends what classroom locking mechanisms can and should do.

Follow these 3 easy steps to see if your school’s classroom door locks meet these recommendations:

1. Doors open (even when locked) from the inside with one smooth, simple motion, and no tight grasping, bending, or reaching.

2. No special tool, training, or knowledge is required to exit through the classroom door.

3. Doors can lock and unlock from the inside of the room, allowing students and staff to stay safe behind a closed door during an emergency.

To learn more about classroom security locks, visit www.LockDontBlock.org.

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