



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
San Antonio Fire Department – Fire Prevention Division  
MEMORANDUM



**TO:** San Antonio Fire Department and Planning and Development Services  
Department Associates

**FROM:** Earl Crayton, II – Assistant Chief – SAFD, Fire Marshal

**DATE:** May 11, 2010

**FILE:** Code Interpretation Manual

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**INTERPRETATION NUMBER:** CI2010-009

**TITLE:** Delayed Egress/Special Locking Arrangements for Group I-2

**CODE EDITION:** 2009 International Fire Code (IFC) as adopted and amended by the City of San Antonio

**SECTION:** 2009 International Fire Code local amendments, **Section 1008.1.9.6, 1008.1.9.7**

**PURPOSE:** Clarification of clinical needs that may require specialized security for patient safety.

**QUESTION 1:** I operate Skilled Nursing Home facility, Group I-2, which will not have as a primary function the care of mental needs patients, but which may have patients who have similar types of mental deficiencies due to advanced age. **Can I use “a special locking arrangement” on the building’s exterior doors, assuming the delayed egress locks conform to Section 1008.1.9.6 (sections 1-6) and Section 1008.1.9.7 (sections 1-6)?**

**ANSWER 1:** Yes. The description of patients having “*similar types of mental deficiencies due to advanced age*” complies with IFC Section 1008.1.9.6 amendment language “*where the clinical needs of the persons that require specialized security measures for their safety.*” All listed requirements in Sections 1008.1.9.6 will apply.

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