

**BROOKLINE HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
HOUSING INFORMATION SERIES**

**FACT SHEET #10; SECURITY**

CHAPTER II, STATE SANITARY CODE

410.480: Locks

(A) Every dwelling shall be capable of being reasonable secured against unlawful entry.

(B) Every entry door of a dwelling shall be capable of being reasonable secured from unlawful entry and shall be properly fitted with an operating locking device

(C) The main entry door of a dwelling containing more than three dwelling units shall be so designed or quipped so as to close and lock automatically with a lock, including a lock with an electrical-operated striker mechanism, a self-closing door and associated equipment. Every door of the main common entryway and every exterior door into said dwelling, other than the door of such main common entryway which is equipped as provided in the preceding sentence shall be equipped with an operating lock.

(M.G.L. c. 143, 3R)

(D) Every entry door of a dwelling unit shall be capable of being reasonable secured from unlawful entry and shall be fitted with an operating locking device.

(E) Every openable exterior window of a dwelling shall be capable of being reasonable secured and shall be properly fitted with an operating locking device.

*If you have any questions about this or other Housing Code issues, please call the BROOKLINE HEALTH DEPARTMENT at 730-2306.*