



# TENANT INFORMATION ADVISORY

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## FIRE-RATED DOORS

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Inspection activities conducted by BWI Marshall Airport's Office of the Fire Marshal and Office of Facilities Maintenance are discovering numerous fire-rated doors being propped in the open position. This is a violation of the State adopted fire prevention code **NFPA-1 section 12.4.6.3.3.3** which states, "**Blocking or wedging of doors in the open position shall be prohibited.**" Airport employees and contractors who are discovered violating this provision may be subject to penalties.

Fire-rated doors play a vital role in preventing the spread of fire in commercial, public, and assembly occupancy type buildings. A fire-rated door can significantly slow down the amount of time it takes for fire and/or smoke to spread through a building. By slowing the fire down, people have more time to escape or wait for the fire department to arrive. In many cases, a fire-rated door can be the difference between life and death.

Fire-rated doors work in conjunction with other fire protection systems to stop the spread of fire and reduce property damage and help ensure that critical Airport operations can return to normal as quickly as possible.

The Office of the Fire Marshal will be identifying fire-rated doors with stickers so everyone will be able to recognize them. We need the Airport community's help by doing the following:

- Never wedge or prop open a fire-rated door.
- Be vigilant if you see a fire-rated door open, close it.
- If you see a fire-rated door that is damaged or not operating correctly, report it.

The BWI Marshall Airport Fire Rescue Department Office of the Fire Marshal will be initiating the first annual "Support Fire Door Safety Week" scheduled for September 4 - 10, 2023. Please contact us if you would like an onsite fire-rated door evaluation or would like to receive education information on the importance of fire-rated doors.

Please direct any questions to Quentin Meullion, Division Chief, BWI Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department Office of the Fire Marshal at 410-859-7511 or [fireprevention@bwiairport.com](mailto:fireprevention@bwiairport.com).

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