Is your school secure in the event of a lockdown situation or an active shooter scenario? 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 classroom door locks meet these recommendations:

1. Opens from inside the room without requiring tight grasping, pinching or twisting of the wrist, and accomplished with one operation

2. Locked and unlocked from the inside of a classroom without requiring the door to be opened, while still allowing staff entry in an emergency

3. Locked automatically or have a simple locking mechanism such as a pushbutton, key, card, fob, fingerprint, etc., that can be locked from inside the classroom without having to open the door.

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