command center and other approved locations.

4. An attempt to egress shall initiate an irreversible process that shall allow such egress in not more than 15 seconds when a physical effort to exit is applied to the egress side door hardware for not more than 3 seconds. Initiation of the irreversible process shall activate an audible signal in the vicinity of the door. Once the delay electronics have been deactivated, rearming the delay electronics shall be by manual means only.

**Exception:** Where approved, a delay of not more than 30 seconds is permitted on a delayed egress door.

The egress path from any point shall not pass through more than one delayed egress locking system.

## **Exceptions:**

- 1. In Group I-2 or I-3 occupancies, the egress path from any point in the building shall pass through not more than two delayed egress locking systems provided that the combined delay does not exceed 30 seconds.
- 2. In Group I-1 or I-4 occupancies, the egress path from any point in the building shall pass through not more than two delayed egress locking systems provided the combined delay does not exceed 30 seconds and the building is equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1.
- 6. A sign shall be provided on the door and shall be located above and within 12 inches (305 mm) of the door exit hardware:
  - 6.1. For doors that swing in the direction of egress, the sign shall read: PUSH UNTIL ALARM SOUNDS. DOOR CAN BE OPENED IN 15 [30] SECONDS.
  - 6.2. For doors that swing in the opposite direction of egress, the sign shall read: PULL UNTIL ALARM SOUNDS. DOOR CAN BE OPENED IN 15 [30] SECONDS.
  - 6.3. The sign shall comply with the visual character requirements in ICC A117.1.

**Exception:** Where approved, in Group I occupancies, the installation of a sign is not required where care recipients who because of clinical needs require restraint or containment as part of the function of the treatment area.

- 7. Emergency lighting shall be provided on the egress side of the door.
- 8. The delayed egress locking system units shall be *listed* in accordance with UL 294.

**1010.1.9.9 Sensor release of electrically locked egress doors.** Sensor release of electric locking systems shall be permitted on doors located in the *means of egress* in any occupancy except Group H where installed and operated in accordance with all of the following criteria:

- The sensor shall be installed on the egress side, arranged to detect an occupant approaching the doors, and shall cause the electric locking system to unlock.
- 2. The electric locks shall be arranged to unlock by a signal from or loss of power to the sensor.
- 3. Loss of power to the lock or locking system shall automatically unlock the electric locks.
- 4. The doors shall be arranged to unlock from a manual unlocking device located 40 inches to 48 inches (1016 mm to 1219 mm) vertically above the floor and within 5 feet (1524 mm) of the secured doors. Ready access shall be provided to the manual unlocking device and the device shall be clearly identified by a sign that reads "PUSH TO EXIT." When operated, the manual unlocking device shall result in direct interruption of power to the electric lock—independent of other electronics—and the electric lock shall remain unlocked for not less than 30 seconds.
- 5. Activation of the building *fire alarm system*, where provided, shall automatically unlock the electric lock, and the electric lock shall remain unlocked until the fire alarm system has been reset.
- 6. Activation of the building *automatic sprinkler system* or *fire detection system*, where provided, shall automatically unlock the electric lock. The electric lock shall remain unlocked until the *fire alarm system* has been reset.
- 7. The door locking system units shall be *listed* in accordance with UL 294.

**1010.1.9.10 Door hardware release of electrically locked egress doors.** Door hardware release of electric locking systems shall be permitted on doors in the *means of egress* in any occupancy except Group H where installed and operated in accordance with all of the following:

- 1. The door hardware that is affixed to the door leaf has an obvious method of operation that is readily operated under all lighting conditions.
- The door hardware is capable of being operated with one hand and shall comply with Section 1010.1.9.6.