

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Office of Emergency Management



Fire Life Safety Bulletin

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EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR REPLACEMENT

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WMATA TUNNEL EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR REPLACEMENT

WMATA is in the process of replacing selected emergency exit doors located within Emergency Exit shafts at the lower/tunnel levels. These doors are being replaced because of various maintenance issues and concerns of tunnel effect winds.

These doors look different than the previously installed doors and may be confusing to public safety personnel.

There are several key elements to remember regarding these doors:

- The "0000", or "GM", key is the only key required to gain access to the roadway/tunnel area.
- Panic hardware (or an unlocked door handle) is installed for passengers/public safety personnel exiting the tunnel.
- These doors are rated as "blast-proof" and have four latches that seat into the frame of the door.
- These doors have four access panels (on the emergency exit side) which require a non-FD barrel key. These panels are only designed to gain access for required maintenance to the latches.





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