



NFPA 45

1.2.5

It is not the objective of this standard to address financial losses such as business interruption or property loss when the loss of a laboratory unit is unacceptable.

We believe that the use of the term “unacceptable” in 1.2.5 does not provide clarity or added context to the statement as written and may confuse users of the standard. We note that the NFPA glossary of terms contain no formal definition of “unacceptable.” The only other appearance of the word “unacceptable” is in 1.4.2, where the term seems appropriate and is understandable to the reader.

5.4.3*

The required exit access doors of all laboratory work areas within Class C or Class D laboratory units shall be permitted to swing against the direction of exit travel or shall be permitted to be a horizontal sliding door complying with NFPA 101, and with sections 404.2.4.2 “Doorways without Doors or Gates” Sliding Doors, and Folding Doors” and with 404.2.7 “Door and Gate Hardware” as found in the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design.

5.4.3 does not reference specific ADA requirements for sliding doors as required under federal statute. The 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, sections 404.2.4.2 and 404.2.7, describe ADA requirements for sliding doors and hardware. Referencing these federal regulations within 5.4.3 would ensure awareness of the compliance obligations requirements while supporting the Scope and Purpose of NFPA 45 to protect life and property.