

Top-notch theater security

Landscape:

In the Salt Lake City metro area, when the Larry H. Miller Group undertakes a development, they rely on FFKR Architects, a firm that uses Allegion (formerly Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies) to prepare door and hardware schedules. As a consultant, Allegion helps FFKR Architects choose accurate designations, specify different hardware groups and select the right hardware for each project.

When the Larry H. Miller Group decided to convert an old Mervyn's discount clothing store into a 15-theater complex, Julia Farmer, AHC, CDT, CSI of Allegion, was assigned to identify the right hardware for the project.

Challenges:

The building—the former anchor of the Valley Fair Mall in West Valley City—had significant egress challenges, including secure exterior exits for each theater in the 117,988 square foot megaplex and restricted access on doors to the second level projection room.

Solutions:

“We chose Schlage heavy duty cylindrical locks and Von Duprin 98 Series exit devices,” explains Farmer. “Today, every theater door is held open with magnets and can be released remotely. All exterior doors have access control, request-to-exit devices and door position indicators, which make it very easy to see whether the door is locked or unlocked when making rounds. The security console can tell when a door is compromised. If left open for longer than a pre-determined amount of time, it sends a signal.”



Allegion's Utah SSC team conducted pre-installation and post-installation walk-throughs of the complex to make sure there were no problems. In the post-installation walk-through, they checked for proper installation of all locks, which used Schlage/Von Duprin/LCN/Glynn-Johnson/Ives fasteners and templates on each brand's respective products.

"Most problems with a project are usually in the installation phase," Farmer emphasizes. "During the post-installation walk-through, we swing every door and develop a punch list of contractor repairs before the warranties begin and the owners take over. This is a major reason end-users prefer our products. Our combination of service and hardware makes us a wise choice."

Jeff Fisher, senior principal with FFKR Architects agrees. "Most private clients choose the highest quality hardware and that is why Allegion is chosen," affirms Fisher. "Their products stand the test of time, often lasting decades with minimal maintenance needs. We've worked with Julia many times, as well as other Allegion personnel, and have found their consulting service to be a very valuable tool. We highly recommend them."



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