



Safety & Accessibility

Australian standards deem that all cubicles and partitions must have an emergency release feature built-in, and Metlam Australia have designed this capability into our lift-off locksets, bumpers and hinges.

Research conducted by the Metlam Australia team identified that in the event of an emergency within a cubicle, it's most likely that the occupant could collapse unconscious onto the floor of the cubicle. With a traditional emergency release indicator, entrance to the cubicle would normally happen using the emergency feature on the indicator face and opening the door from the outside of the cubicle.

Metlam Australia studies have found that when this type of emergency occurs, there is an overwhelming possibility that a collapsed occupant would then block any attempt to open the inward swinging door using this feature alone. For this very reason, Metlam Partition hardware when installed correctly is designed with lift-off capabilities that simply allows for the cubicle door to be lifted off its hinges which enables easy access to the occupant.

How Metlam Australia lift off hinges work.

Step 1: Position your foot under the door and place your hand on the top of the door.



Step 2: Lift the door and when the door clears the hinges and bumper simply turn and move the door towards you and place it next to the cubicle entrance.



Emergency Release Indicators

Some Metlam Australia Lock and Indicator Sets come with emergency release indicators. In the event of an emergency where the occupant is trapped inside the cubicle, a screwdriver can be used to open the cubicle door. If the lock and indicator set has a lift-off staple this will also assist with the lift-off function however these must be installed with lift-off hinges and be installation is a must.



Emergency release indicator



Lift off staple