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Dear SMU Community,

We are enhancing campus safety with new manual door locks in classrooms and related workspaces that currently cannot be locked from the inside without a key. These new locks will empower students, faculty, staff and guests to secure a room without the need for a key in the event of an emergency.

Facilities Management is coordinating the lock installation with designated building managers to minimize any disruption to nearby classrooms and offices. You may have noticed these locking devices in some buildings already such as Hyer, Storey, Heroy, Kirby, Prothro and Dallas Halls. [Instructions on how to work the device can be found here.](#)

Please note this locking device will not work for glass doors so it is important that you learn more about [preparing for an active threat on the SMU Aware website](#). Additionally, you can download the [SMU Aware Safety App](#) as a convenient way to contact SMU Police and access other safety resources.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this safety initiative, please send an email to smuaware@smu.edu. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to fortify the safety measures at SMU. Thank you for your commitment to a safe and secure campus environment.