Fire Shutters and Curtains

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Rolling fire shutters and curtains are typically installed in atrium or hallway areas to prevent fire or smoke from crossing fire compartments or fire barrier separations -effectively preventing fire and smoke from further penetrating a building. Similar devices may be installed in some areas to address security situations.

These devices may be manually operated (self-lowering) or electrically operated with battery backup. Activation of the shutter occurs when a fusible metal link is melted (due to heat) or upon activation of the building fire alarm system.

Maintenance Services performs annual testing of fire shutters and curtains in accordance with fire codes. Fire shutters and curtains must lower completely to be effective. Therefore, it is critical that building users not install or place items in the operational area of the fire shutter or curtain that would potentially interfere with or obstruct operation of the shutter or curtain. Further, fire shutters and curtains should not be tampered with or used for any other purpose than which they are intended.

For questions or concerns with fire shutters and curtains, call the Facilities Service Center at 734-647-2059 or visit requests.fo.umich.edu.