

Inquiry 2003-4

Subject: Locks on egress window wells

Code: 2000 IRC Sections: R310.4

Submitted By: AMBO Uniform Committee

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Question: The owner wishes to secure a steel cover over his window well with a combination lock on the inside of the window well. Does this section or the code permit such a lock?

Answer: A combination lock would not be permitted.

Committee Comments: A lock would require a key or tool to open the egress window. A combination is equivalent to a key or a tool.