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## HR 418

Safe Access in Fire Emergencies Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jan 9, 2009

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. (Jan 14, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/418>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2009
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 9, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Safe Access in Fire Emergencies Act of 2009 - Requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to establish a consumer product safety standard for window bars that: (1) requires all window bars manufactured or installed in the United States to incorporate releasing systems that meet minimum standards; and (2) addresses such systems for interior and exterior based bars. Provides that the minimum standards shall require that such systems provide for: (1) egress when actuated; and (2) manual activation from inside a residence allowing escape through a protected opening.

Requires compliance enforcement under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

Directs the CPSC to require each manufacturer to include in the packaging a statement explaining window bar installation and releasing system operation.

Expresses the sense of Congress that public housing, low-income housing, manufactured housing units, and homes purchased using any loan made, insured, or guaranteed under the National Housing Act should meet a minimal standard that requires window bars to incorporate an emergency releasing system.

Requires the CPSC to establish and maintain a National Electronic Injury Surveillance System code and system for collection of information and statistics on casualties associated with window bars.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jan 14, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 9, 2009:** Referred to House Financial Services

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