

## Detex Alarmed vs Delayed Egress Comparison

### Instant Alarm Configuration

Instant alarm exit devices activate an audible alarm immediately upon actuation. This configuration deters unauthorized exit and provides immediate notification to facility personnel.

### Delayed Egress Systems

Delayed egress devices provide a 15 or 30-second countdown before allowing exit, allowing staff to cancel the alarm if the exit was unauthorized. This configuration reduces false alarms while maintaining security.

Feature	Instant Alarm	15-Second Delay	30-Second Delay
Alarm Response	Immediate	Delayed	Delayed
False Alarm Rate	Lower	Moderate	Higher
Staff Response Time	Quick	Moderate	Extended
Psychological Deterrent	Very High	Moderate	Low

### Code Requirements

Local building codes determine delayed egress allowability. Most jurisdictions allow 15-second delay. 30-second delay requires special justification and may not be permitted for life safety doors.

### Occupancy Type Suitability

Instant alarm is preferred for retail environments and secure facilities. Delayed egress suits healthcare and institutional settings where false alarms significantly impact operations.