

Builders Hardware Manufacturers Association

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Expand the scope of our standards activity (new standards)

- Lites and Louvres
- Floorpath Egress Lighting
- Multipoint Locks
- Residential Locks

Expand the Scope of the Association

- Adding doors and door components to our bylaws
- Exploring other "opening" manufacturing associations that fit within BHMA's umbrella
- Develop strategic ties with the security industry and the system integrators

Sustainability

- Define the sustainable attributes of builders hardware
- Explore the opportunity to add a validation/certification program for these "green" attributes
- Work with specifiers to be sure that builders hardware is factored into the sustainable formula

Marketing

- Continue to market the BHMA Certified Mark to the architectural community
- Expand the educational programs for architects/specifiers/designers
- Promote Certified Hardware as the reliable way to assure product performance and product pedigree

Government Affairs

- Expand the building and fire codes activities to reach to all aspects of the opening, to all areas in the path of egress and to the fire service community
- Continue to pursue expanding definition of lockpicking devices to include bump keys with law enforcement. (It is no longer legal to ship bump keys via U.S. Mail).

Anti-microbial Hardware Copper/Brass/Bronze Products

- Uncoated common brass, bronze and copper are approved and registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as 99.9% effective in killing highly contagious bacteria such as MRSA, E-coli and others.
- Possible demonstration projects with copper industry
- Surfaces continue to exhibit this characteristic over life of products
- Companies can make the claims that products can help protect human life against diseases. However, there is "fine print" and registrations necessary.