
Welcome

Fire Watch

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Fire Watch

A short-term emergency measure intended to provide an alternative acceptable level of life safety in a building that has an impaired fire safety system

- Compensatory measure
- Continued occupancy for repairs

A Fire Watch is NOT a permanent solution for areas of non-compliance



Fire Watch – When Required

Impaired fire safety system

- Fire Alarm System
- Automatic Sprinkler System

Other: Anything that impacts fire and/or life safety



NOTICE
TEMPORARILY
CLOSED
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Code References – Fire Alarm

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code – 9.6.1.6

Where a required fire alarm system is out of service for more than 4 hours in a 24-hour period, the authority having jurisdiction shall be notified, and the building shall be evacuated, or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all parties left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire alarm system has been returned to service.

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code –A9.6.1.6

A fire watch should at least involve some special action beyond normal staffing, such as assigning an additional security guard(s) to walk the areas affected. Such individuals should be specially trained in fire prevention and in occupant and fire department notification techniques, and they should understand the particular fire safety situation for public education purposes.





Code References – Sprinkler System

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code – 19.3.5.1

Buildings containing nursing homes shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.7, unless otherwise permitted by 19.3.5.5.

NFPA 101, Life Safety Code – 9.7.6

Sprinkler impairment procedures shall comply with NFPA 25, *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*.



Code References – Sprinkler System

NFPA 25, Standard for the ITM of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems – 15.5.2

Before authorization is given, the impairment coordinator shall be responsible for verifying that the following procedures have been implemented:

- 1) The extent and expected duration of the impairment have been determined.
- 2) The areas or buildings involved have been inspected and the increased risks determined.
- 3) Recommendations have been submitted to management or the property owner or designated representative.
- 4) Where a required fire protection system is out of service for more than **10 hours in a 24-hour period**, the impairment coordinator shall arrange for one of the following:
 - (a) Evacuation of the building or portion of the building affected by the system out of service
 - (b)*An approved fire watch
 - (c)*Establishment of a temporary water supply
 - (d)*Establishment and implementation of an approved program to eliminate potential ignition sources and limit the amount of fuel available to the fire
- 5) **The fire department has been notified.**
- 6) **The insurance carrier, the alarm company, property owner or designated representative, and other authorities having jurisdiction have been notified.**
- 7) The supervisors in the areas to be affected have been notified.
- 8) A tag impairment system has been implemented.
- 9) All necessary tools and materials have been assembled on the impairment site.



Fire Watch Procedures

- Notify ALL staff
- FW active during occupied hours
- NO OTHER DUTIES
- Continuous rounds – no less than hourly



Fire Watch Policy

- When to implement (4hr/24 FA and 10/24 SS)
- Who to notify (FD, Licensing, Insurance, OSFM)
- What to do
- Tracking and Submittal (24 hr logs submitted to OSFM)

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Fire Watch Log

Facility Name: _____ Address: _____
Date: _____ Time Begin: _____ Time End: _____
Reason: _____ Designated Person : _____

RESPONSIBILITIES: The responsibilities of firewatch personnel include: performing constant patrols of the premises to keep watch for fires, report all fires to the 911 Dispatch Center, maintain a means of communication with the 911 Dispatch Center, record actions during firewatch.

Area	0100	0200	0300	0400	0500	0600	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000	2100	2200	2300	2400

INITIAL THE TIME AND LOCATION BEING OBSERVED
AT THE END OF EACH DAY FAX THIS TO THE OSFM AT 785-296-0151
THANK YOU

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The thought processes and the realities

- It will be fixed in a few days, we're good
- What if's
- Repercussions of failing to implement



Spot the errors

- In the event any building fire protection system is shut down or impaired for any reason whatsoever, a Fire Watch through the use of Fire Watch personnel is to be implemented immediately.
- If a fire alarm and detection system or part thereof, is inoperative for more than a few hours for any reason the fire department must be notified.
- Fire Watch personnel must tour the entire building every hour and document this on the Fire Watch Log Sheet. The person completing the rounds will record the time each round was completed and sign or initial each entry.
- Cancelling the fire watch is based on an assessment that the fire protection system(s) is fully operational – at which time you will notify staff all-clear.





Questions?

