Fire and Life Safety

1. GENERAL

Fire and life safety programs and practices are designed to help ensure safe environments in which to work, study, and play for employees, students, and visitors. Mitigation, preparedness, and response procedures are required to address the numerous fire/life safety issues needed to minimize loss of life and damage to property. Examples include: construction plan reviews to ensure code compliance, building inspections, equipment testing and maintenance, and emergency planning and practice. Construction includes demolition, renovation, and new construction.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Each component should

2.1.1 Identify, document, and analyze workplace hazards associated with its operations

2.1.2 Develop and publish standard operating procedures to reduce risk to employees, cooperators, and visitors for identified hazards

2.1.3 Provide and document training to employees, cooperators, and visitors in safe operating procedures for identified hazards

2.2 Each component shall, as appropriate, adopt procedures to

2.2.1 Review plans for construction to ensure compliance with NFPA 101 and with other nationally recognized fire/building codes and standards used by the component (e.g., Standard Building Codes, Uniform Building Codes)

2.2.2 Use nationally recognized fire/building codes and standards as guides when performing safety assessments

2.2.3 Identify and address fire/life safety deficiencies through inspections of facilities and grounds

2.2.4 Maintain fire equipment through testing and servicing

2.2.5 Develop and practice emergency evacuation plans

2.2.6 Provide coordination with and assistance to emergency responders to ensure timely response and access to and within facilities
2.3 Each component shall provide information to appropriate employees, students and emergency personnel regarding facility access/egress needs and requirements. Each component should provide fire equipment training appropriate to the risk to designated individuals.