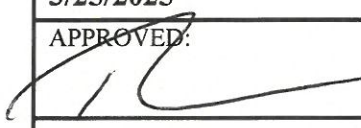




FIRE PREVENTION STANDARDS	DATE: 3/25/2025	NUMBER: FP0-020
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	TITLE: Construction Site & Fire Safety	

SCOPE

This Standard is intended to prescribe minimum safeguards for new building construction, demolition or significant building alteration projects in order to provide a reasonable degree of safety to life and property from fire. This Standard is based on the provisions for fire safety during building construction or demolition as set forth in the 2025 California Fire Code and current National Fire Protection Standard 241.

This Standard addresses the most common elements and conditions associated with construction and demolition operations and is not a comprehensive list of all applicable California Fire Code regulations nor shall it be construed to be in lieu of other applicable state or federal laws and regulations related to construction site safety.

When the term "shall" is used in this Standard, it means a mandatory requirement. When the term "approved" is used in this Standard, it means shall be approved by the Fire Code Official.

REQUIREMENTS

I. Owners Responsibility

- A. The building owner shall designate a person to the Site Safety Director who shall be responsible for the fire prevention program and ensure that it is carried out through completion of the project.
- B. The Site Safety Director shall develop and maintain a pre-fire plan as required and approved by the Fire Code Official.
- C. The Site Safety Director shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this Standard and also with the following:
 - 1. Training of job site personnel in the use of fire protection equipment.
 - 2. Supervision of the permit system/procedures for hot work operations.
 - 3. Supervision and coordination of procedures for fire protection system impairments.



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Temporary roadways shall be certified by the project civil engineer, or other qualified engineering professional, to be capable of supporting fire apparatus under all-weather conditions.

3. The perimeter edges of the fire access roadway shall be contained and delineated by curb and gutter or other approved method. The integrity of the roadway shall be maintained at all times.
- B. Key Boxes: Key boxes and/or other approved padlocks shall be required when necessary for access through locked gates and/or structures.
- C. Fire Hydrants: Where underground water mains and hydrants are required for the building(s) under construction, they shall be installed, completed, and in service prior to combustible construction materials accumulating on site.
- D. Fire Reporting: Instructions shall be provided at the construction site for emergency notification of the fire department via telephone. The street address of the construction site along with the number for the public safety answering point shall be posted at the job trailer(s) and on large projects, shall be provided to all personnel.
- E. Premises Identification: The address numbers of the property or project location shall be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property at the fire apparatus access point or as otherwise approved.
- F. Combustible Debris: Wood, cardboard, packing material, lumber, and similar combustible debris shall not be accumulated within buildings. Such debris, rubbish and waste material shall be removed from buildings on a daily basis.
- G. Oily Rags: Oily rags and similar material shall be stored in metal or other approved containers equipped with self-closing and tight-fitting covers.
- H. Temporary Heating Equipment: Temporary heaters, such as those that are Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) fueled, shall be listed/labelled in accordance with the California Mechanical Code and shall be installed, used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions (See LPG storage and use requirements in the "Hazardous Materials" section below. Heating devices shall be secured properly and kept clear from combustible materials. Refueling operations shall be conducted in an approved manner.
- I. Smoking: Smoking is prohibited anywhere inside or on the roof of the new building under construction or in the project work area of the buildings undergoing alteration. A suitable number of "No Smoking" signs shall be posted to ensure that smoking is controlled.
- J. Vehicle Parking; All vehicles shall be parked a minimum of 20 feet from new buildings under construction and not within required fire lanes.

Exceptions:

1. Vehicles that are temporarily parked for loading/unloading or other construction related operations. Such vehicles shall not be left unattended.



to within one floor of the highest point of construction having secured flooring or decking. Each floor shall be provided with a 2 ½ inch NH valve outlet for fire department use and in an approved location. Where construction height requires installation of Class III standpipe, fire pumps and water main connections shall be provided to serve the standpipe.

Exceptions:

1. Standpipes may be temporary or permanent and with or without water supply as approved by the Fire Code Official.
2. Fire department connections for standpipes shall be located within 100 feet of an approved fire apparatus access roadway. If permanent, shall be located within 100 feet of a fire hydrant.

C. Fire Extinguishers

Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided and shall be mounted on a wall or post at each usable stairway and such that the travel distance to any extinguisher does not exceed 75 feet. Mounting height to the top of the extinguisher shall not exceed 5 feet. Extinguishers shall not have less than a 2-A:10-B:C rating or as otherwise directed by the Fire Code Official. The fire prevention superintendent shall ensure that an adequate number of individuals are trained in the proper use of portable fire extinguishers and shall keep records of the training provided. Fire extinguishers shall also be located in storage sheds and contractor trailers.

D. Fire Alarm Systems:

1. Fire alarm systems shall be maintained operational at all times during building alterations. When an alteration requires modification to a portion of the fire alarm system, the portion of the system requiring work shall be isolated and the remainder of the system shall be kept in service whenever practical. When it is necessary to shut down an entire fire alarm system, a fire watch or other mitigation approved by the Fire Code Official, shall be implemented by the superintendent until the system is returned to full service.
2. Smoke detectors and smoke alarms shall be covered, or temporarily removed, in areas where air-borne construction dust is expected and until such time that the dust producing work is complete.

V. Means of Egress Requirements

- A. **A Minimum Number of Exits:** All new buildings under construction shall have at least one unobstructed exit. All exits shall be identified on the pre-fire plan.
- B. **Multi-Story Buildings:** Each level above or below the first story in new multi-story buildings shall be provided with at least two remotely located usable exit stairs after the floor decking is installed. The stairways may be permanent or temporary, shall be continuous and shall discharge to grade level.



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- v. Fire extinguishers shall be readily available, fully charged, operable and have a minimum rating of 2A:20-B:C within 30 feet of the location where hot work is being performed.
 - vi. Fire watch personnel are assigned, equipped, trained and shall be assigned no other duties.
2. Fire Watch: The sole duty of fire watch personnel shall be to watch for the occurrence of fire during and after hot works operations. Individuals designated to fire watch duty shall have fire extinguisher equipment readily available and shall be trained in the use of such equipment. Personnel assigned to fire watch shall be responsible for extinguishing spot fires and communication of alarm. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with a phone for notification of the fire department. Hot work conducted in areas with vertical and horizontal fire exposures that cannot be observed by a single individual, shall have additional personnel assigned to fire watch to ensure that all exposed areas are monitored.
 3. Post Inspection: The fire watch shall be maintained for a minimum of 30 minutes after the conclusion of the work to look out for leftover sparks, slag, or smoldering combustibles.
- B. Asphalt & Tar Kettles: Asphalt kettles shall not be located within 20 feet of any combustible material, combustible building surface or building opening. With the exception of thermostatically controlled kettles, an attendant shall be within 100 feet of a kettle when the heat source is operating. Fuel containers shall be located not less than 10 feet from the burner. Ladders or similar obstacles shall not form a part of the route between the attendance and the kettle. Kettles shall be equipped with tight-fitting covers. A minimum 3-A:40-B: rated portable extinguisher shall be located within 25 feet of each asphalt kettle when the heat source is operating. Minimum 3-A:40-B:C rated portable fire extinguishers shall also be located on roofs during asphalt coating operations.
- C. Motor Equipment: Motorized equipment including internal-combustion powered construction equipment, shall be used in accordance with the following:
1. Equipment shall be located so that exhausts do not discharge against combustible materials.
 2. When possible, exhausts should be piped to the outside of the building.
 3. Equipment shall not be refueled while in operation.
 4. Fuel for equipment shall be stored in an approved location outside of the building.

VIII. Hazardous Materials

- A. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) storage shall comply with the following:



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in flammable or combustible liquid storage areas. Signs prohibiting smoking and open flames shall be posted.

2. Tanks and containers shall be marked with the name of the product and be labeled "FLAMMABLE-KEEP FIRE AND FLAME AWAY"
 3. Metal containers for Class I or II liquids shall be in accordance with DOT requirements or shall be of an approved design. Discharge devices shall not cause an internal pressure on the container. Individual containers shall not be interconnected and shall be kept closed when not in use.
 4. Secondary containment or a means of spill control, drainage control, and diking is required for large containers (such as 55-gallon drums) and tanks as approved by the Fire Code Official.
 5. Plans for installation/use of any aboveground storage tank (containers greater than 60 gallons), including tanks supplying temporary power generator sets, shall be submitted to the fire agency for review and permit prior to the proposed tank arriving at the site.
- C. Compressed Gas
1. Gas cylinders shall be marked with the name of the contents.
 2. Gas cylinders shall be stored upright and secured in an approved manner to prevent falling.
 3. When not in use, valve protection caps shall be in place.
 4. Gas cylinders shall be protected against physical damage
 5. When stored, gas cylinders shall be separated from each other based on their hazard class.
 6. Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of 10 feet from gas containers.
 7. Gas cylinders shall not be placed near elevators, unprotected platform edges or other areas where they would drop more than 2 feet. Gas cylinders shall not be placed in areas where they may be damaged by falling objects.
 8. Ropes, chains or slings shall not be used to suspend gas cylinders unless the cylinder was manufactured with appropriate lifting attachments.



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**FIRE
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Every construction, alteration, or demolition project requiring a Construction Safety Permit will require a Fire Prevention Program Manager (FPPM) to oversee the NFPA 241 Plan. Any project that has an existing standpipe or will be installing one must email this completed form with the NFPA 241 Plan to the jurisdiction of the listed location. This form shall be completed by the FPPM appointed by the owner to oversee the NFPA 241 Plan and signed by the builder associated with the building permit at the listed location:

APPLICANT	
Applicant Name:	Applicant Email:
Applicant Title:	Applicant Cell Phone:
BUILDING INFORMATION	
Project Number:	
Building Name:	
Building Address:	
Specify location of the project within the property, as applicable (i.e. floor #):	
Project Description:	
ASSIGNMENT OF OWNERS / FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM PERSONNEL	
Property Owner/Authorized Representative (PO/AR) Name:	
PO/AR Email:.	PO/AR Cell Phone:
Fire Prevention Program Manager (FPPM) Name:	
FPPM Email:	FPPM Cell Phone:
Alternative Fire Prevention Program Manager (FPPM) Name:	
Alternative FPPM Email:	Alternative FPPM Cell Phone:
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
<p>By signing this acknowledgement form, I am confirming that my project understands the application of NFPA 241 to this project. To assist in regular compliance, we employ a FPPM that is dedicated to this project. I understand that failure to have the FPPM (or their designated alternate) present on the construction site to enforce NFPA 241 compliance could result in a stop work order. The FPPM and myself have reviewed the NFPA 241 Plan for the above address with the author of the plan. I attest to the fact that the project FPPM (and any alternate(s)) have completed the online NFPA Fire Prevention Program Manager course. If the FPPM is not present on site, an alternate will assume all duties and responsibilities. I understand that failure to have an FPPM present on the construction site to enforce NFPA 241 compliance could result in a stop work order.</p>	
Builder Name:	
Builder Email:	Builder Cell Phone: