

FIRE EXIT DRILLS IN EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES

Saf-C 6008.04 Adoption of Life Safety Code.

- a. Pursuant to RSA 153:5, NFPA 101, "Life Safety Code", 2003 edition, shall hereby be adopted as a rule, except as modified by Saf-C 6008.05.
- b. All persons constructing, reconstructing, modifying, maintaining or operating any structure and all owners or occupants of existing structures or premises shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 101.

Assembly occupancies shall be provided with a minimum of one trained crowd control manager or crowd manager supervisor. Where the occupant load exceeds 250, additional trained crowd managers or crowd manager supervisors shall be provided at a ratio of 1 crowd manager/supervisors for every 250 occupants unless otherwise permitted by the following:

- a. This requirement shall not apply to assembly occupancies used exclusively for religious worship with an occupant load not exceeding 2000.
- b. The ratio of trained crowd managers to occupants shall be permitted to be reduced where, in the opinion of the authority having jurisdiction, the existence of an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system and the nature of the event warrant.

The crowd manager shall receive approved training in crowd management techniques.

12.7.1 Means of Egress Inspection

12.7.1.1 The building owner or agent shall inspect the means of egress to insure it is maintained free of obstructions, and correct any deficiencies found, prior to opening of the building to the public.

12.7.1.2 The building owner or agent shall prepare and maintain records of the date and time of each inspection on approved forms, listing any deficiencies found and actions taken to correct them.

Section 14.7.2.2 and Section 15.7.2.2 of NFPA 101, "Life Safety Code", adopted in Saf-C 6008.04 (a) are amended to read as follows:

"Emergency egress and relocation drills shall be conducted as follows:

1. At least one emergency egress and relocation drill shall be conducted every month the facility is in session;

- a. *Exception No. 1: In climates where the weather is severe, the monthly emergency egress and relocation drills shall be permitted to be deferred provided that the required number of emergency egress and relocation drills is achieved and at least 4 are conducted before the drills are deferred; and*
 - b. *Exception No. 2: With the approval of the local fire official, no more than 2 of the required emergency egress and relocation drills may be eliminated and replaced by drills that test emergency response to hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, bomb threats, and domestic terrorism. No required emergency egress and relocation drills shall be replaced by hazard drills unless an emergency response plan is submitted to the local fire official and the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management;*
2. All Occupants of the building shall participate in the drill; and
3. One additional emergency egress and relocation drill, other than for educational occupancies that are open on a year-round basis, shall be required within the first 30 days of operation.

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