Fire Evacuation and Safety Plans



Fire Evacuation Plan shall include the following:

- 1. Emergency egress or escape routes and whether evacuation of the building will be completed by selected floors or areas or with a defend-in-place response.
- 2. Procedures for employees who must remain to operate critical equipment before evacuating.
- 3. Procedures for the use of elevators to evacuate the building, if the building is equipped with elevators specifically designed for occupant evacuation.
- 4. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance, housekeeping and controlling fuel hazard sources.
- 5. Procedures for the rescue of persons unable to use the designated escape routes without assistance.
- 6. Procedures for accounting for employees and occupants after evacuation have been completed.
- 7. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for rescue or emergency aid.
- 8. The preferred method and any alternative means of notifying occupants of a fire or emergency.
- 9. The preferred method and any alternative means of reporting fires and any other emergencies to the fire department or designated emergency response organization.
- 10. Identification and assignment of personnel who can be contacted for further information or explanation of duties under the plan.
- 11. A description of the emergency voice/alarm communication system alert tone and pre-programmed voice messages, if provided.

Fire Safety Plans shall include the following:

- 1. The procedure for reporting a fire or other emergency.
- 2. The life and safety strategy including the following:
 - a. Procedure for notifying occupants, including areas with private mode alarm system.
 - b. Procedures for occupants under a defend-in-place response.
 - c. Procedures for evacuating occupants, including those who need evacuation assistance.
- 3. Site plans indicating the following:
 - a. The occupancy assembly point.
 - b. The locations of fire hydrants.
 - c. The normal routes of fire department access.
- 4. Floor plans identifying the following:
 - a. Exits.
 - b. Primary evacuation routes.
 - c. Secondary evacuation routes.
 - d. Accessible egress routes.
 - i. Areas of refuge.
 - ii. Exterior areas for assisted rescue.
 - a. Refuge areas associated with smoke barriers and horizontal exits.
 - b. Manual fire alarm pull stations.
 - c. Portable fire extinguishers.
 - d. Occupant use hose stations.
 - e. Fire alarm annunciators and controls.
- 5. A list of major fire hazards associated with the normal use and occupancy of the premises, including maintenance and housekeeping procedures.
- 6. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance of systems and equipment installed to prevent or control fires.
- 7. Identification and assignment of personnel responsible for maintenance, housekeeping and controlling fuel hazard sources.

OSHA has very helpful information to assist in the creation of Fire/Emergency Evacuation Plans here: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/evacuation/evac.html



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Fire and Evacuation Drill Frequency

Business Type	Frequency	Participants
Restaurants, Bars, Movie Theaters, Libraries, Concert Halls, Museums, Gyms, etc.	Quarterly	Employees
Offices, places of professional or service-type transactions	Annually	All occupants
Ambulatory Care Facilities	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Outpatient Clinics	Annually	Employees
Residential Board & Care Facilities	Semiannually on each shift	All occupants
Hospitals	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Day Cares	Monthly on each shift	All occupants
Hotels	Quarterly on each shift	Employees
Apartments & Condominiums	Quarterly	All occupants