



PREVENTION MANUAL

FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

**405.17 SPRINKLER AND STANDPIPE SYSTEMS:
OWNER LETTER**

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SCOPE

Letter to owners describing state mandated maintenance and testing of sprinkler and standpipe systems.

PURPOSE

This document is intended to inform owners of buildings with fire sprinkler and/or standpipe systems of their responsibilities regarding state-mandated requirements for the inspection, testing, and maintenance of these systems.

REQUIREMENTS

TO: Owners of Automatic Sprinkler and/or Standpipe Systems

FROM: City of Fresno Fire Department

The State of California has established a program mandating inspection, testing, and maintenance of automatic fire sprinkler systems and fire standpipe systems. These regulations are now in effect.

The following information is taken from the California Code of Regulations (CCR,) Title 19.

Chapter 5, Article 4. Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Frequencies:

1. Section 904, Required Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Frequencies.
 - a. Automatic fire sprinkler systems and standpipe systems shall be maintained operable at all times and shall be inspected, tested and maintained according to the 2006 California Edition of National Fire Protection Association 25.

2. Section 904.1, Inspection Requirements.
 - a. A license shall not be required to perform inspections. Inspections may be conducted by any person designated by the building owner or occupant who has developed competence through training and experience.
 - b. Records of all inspections shall be retained on the premises by the building owner or system owner for a period of five years after the next required inspection.
 - c. The building or system owner shall ensure immediate correction of any deficiencies noted during the maintenance inspections.
3. Section 904.2, Testing and Maintenance Requirements.
 - a. All testing and maintenance on systems shall be performed by concern licensed in accordance with the Health and Safety Code Section 13195.

We would like to emphasize that a license is not required to perform inspections. A State Fire Marshal's license or contractor's license is required only for "maintenance and testing" which is required every five years (or when deficiencies are found) and for annual tests. Please feel free to contact our office (559) 621-4181 for further information.

CODE REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 19, Section 904, Required Inspection, Testing and Maintenance Frequencies,

California Edition of National Fire Protection Association 25, 2006 Edition, Section 904.2, Testing and Maintenance Requirements

Health and Safety Code, Section 13195