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PUBLIC BUILDING
SAFETY REGULATIONS



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User Assistance

Whenever assistance is needed, users of these regulations are invited to contact the State Fire Marshal at any of the following locations:

Suite 319, Landmark Towers
101 South Whiting Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22304
(703) 751-1008

102 Hull Building
554 South Main Street
Marion, Virginia 24354
(703) 783-3461

Suite 143, Rappahannock Bldg. (No. 13)
Roger Executive Center
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
(804) 461-6870

8623 Mayland Drive
Parham Park
Richmond, Virginia 23229
(804) 281-9057

Terrace Theater Building
Crossroads Mall
Roanoke, Virginia 24012
(703) 366-3495

Department of Housing and Community Development
205 North Fourth Street - Fourth Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The local building official will provide information about obtaining the building permit that will be required under the Uniform Statewide Building Code for any construction work needed to comply with the Public Building Safety Regulations.

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PREFACE

Changes in 1981 Edition

The 1981 Edition reflects certain changes: (1) because the Virginia Fire Safety Law was renamed the Virginia Public Building Safety Law, the name of the Virginia Fire Safety Regulations was changed to Virginia Public Building Safety Regulations; (2) PART THREE has been added to cover the duties assigned by law to the State Fire Marshal for maintenance of fire safety in public buildings constructed under the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC). For such buildings the fire safety requirements of the USBC are adopted by reference.

Coordination with Local Building Officials

Plans Review: When requested by the local building official, the State Fire Marshal will review plans for construction or alteration of public buildings. An advisory report of any items that do not meet the applicable fire safety requirements will be reported to the building official. The State Fire Marshal also reviews all plans for State-owned buildings.

Inspections: Possible violations of the fire safety requirements of the SBC that are discovered during routine inspections by the State Fire Marshal are discussed with the local building official to make certain that both agencies agree on the proper application of the code. The items on which both agree will be cited in the Fire Marshal's report.

Correction of Violations: When construction work is needed to correct fire safety violations, the person responsible is advised that a building permit must be obtained from the local building official. Also, that such changes must be done in a manner that does not create violations of the USBC.

Future Amendments

The Board of Housing and Community Development is responsible for keeping the public building safety regulations up-to-date. Comments or suggestions for amendments should be addressed to:

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Richmond, Virginia 23219

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ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 2100.0 SCOPE

2100.1 Short Title: These regulations shall be known and may be cited as the Virginia Public Building Safety Regulations. Except as otherwise indicated herein, Regulations shall mean the Virginia Public Building Safety Regulations, Law shall mean Virginia Public Building Safety Law, (Article 2, Chapter 6, Title 27 of the Code of Virginia) and Board shall mean Board of Housing and Community Development.

2100-2. Application: Articles 21 and 22 (PART THREE) of these regulations shall apply to all public buildings that were erected, and to equipment that was installed therein, on or after the effective date of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Public building means and includes any building or structure, permanent or temporary, which is used or occupied, or to be used or occupied by ten or more persons who are employed, lodged, housed, assembled, served, entertained or instructed therein and, without limiting the foregoing, includes hotels, schools and colleges, hospitals of all kinds, asylums, mercantile establishments, office buildings, apartment houses, theatres, restaurants, auditoriums, stadiums, gymnasiums, armories, dance halls, factories, work shops, lodges, meeting rooms, manufacturing and processing establishments, and all other buildings and structures of same or similar character or of same or similar use; including buildings owned and occupied by the State or by any of its political subdivisions. Public buildings shall also mean all homes for adults

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licensed pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 63.1-172 et. seq.) of Title 36.1 of the Code of Virginia and all residential care facilities operated by any State Agency.

2100-3. Effective Date: The effective date of Part Three of these regulations shall be July 15, 1982.

SECTION 2101. ENFORCEMENT

2101-1. General: These Regulations shall be enforced as prescribed by Article 2, Chapter 6, Title 27 of the Code of Virginia.

2101.2 Chief Fire Marshal: Subject to the supervision and direction of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Chief Fire Marshal shall be directly responsible to the proper exercise of the functions of the Office of State Fire Marshal in connection with the enforcement of Article 2, Chapter 6, Title 27 Code of Virginia and of these Regulations.

ARTICLE 22

REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 2200. REFERENCE CODE

2200-1. Application of Uniform Statewide Building Code: Public buildings erected under the Uniform Statewide Building Code shall be maintained in compliance with the fire safety provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code. When an occupancy permit has been issued under the provisions of the Uniform Statewide Building Code maintenance of compliance shall be in accordance with the conditions of the occupancy permit as approved by the building official.