

Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District-Department of Fire Prevention



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Fire Watch

1. Purpose:

To provide fire watch requirements for an owner or responsible party when adequate egress is not available, when demolition of a building with hazardous conditions exists, or when a fire alarm or sprinkler system are in disrepair or nonfunctional. Fire watch exception: Upon approval of Department of Fire Prevention, if a fire alarm or sprinkler system is only non-functional for one day during regular business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

2. Requirements:

General

- A. The duration and times per day for a fire watch shall be assigned by the Fire District.
- B. Conduct periodic patrols of the entire facility. Patrol the facility every 15 minutes if the facility has people sleeping, is an institutional facility or an occupied assembly facility. Facilities not meeting the previous conditions shall be patrolled every 30 minutes.
- C. The Fire District may designate additional safety duties for fire watch personnel.
- D. Fire watch personnel shall be preapproved by the Fire District.

Duties:

- A. Fire watch personnel shall have access to one approved means of communication; know the exact address of the property, and how to report a fire or other emergency condition by calling 9-1-1.
- B. Fire watch personnel shall be familiar with the buildings and property and have an accepted written plan for patrolling the property.
- C. Fire watch personnel shall be trained in the use of fire extinguishers shall have access to all facility fire extinguishers and know their location.
- D. Fire watch personnel shall have knowledge of and be trained in the facility's evacuation plan in the event of a fire. They shall be able to communicate with non-English speaking residents well enough to give an evacuation order.
- E. Fire watch personnel shall not be permitted, while on duty, to perform any other duties.
- F. Fire watch personnel shall not be impaired and shall remain awake and alert at all times.
- G. Fire watch personnel shall keep a log of fire watch related activities. The log shall include; address of the facility, time of each patrol, name of the fire watch person, notes for other related activities performed. The log shall be faxed to (775-588-3536) or delivered daily to the TDFPD-Department of Fire Prevention.

The TDFPD - Department of Fire Prevention shall be contacted daily by the owner or responsible party to provide an update on the status of the impairment or condition which caused the fire watch to be required. This notification shall be made by 3:00 PM each day. The TDFPD - Department of Fire Prevention may be contacted at 775-588-3591 ext. 8.

References: 2006 International Fire Code Sections 101.2, 102.7, 102.8, and 901.7