

SECTION 1600 - FIRE PREVENTION

1601. Arrangements for Fire Department Response/Protection (II)

A. Each facility shall develop, in coordination with its supporting fire department and/or disaster preparedness agency, suitable written plans for actions to be taken in the event of fire, *i.e.*, fire plan and evacuation plan. (I)

B. Facilities located outside a service area or range of a public fire department shall arrange for the nearest fire department to respond in case of fire by written agreement with that fire department. A copy of the agreement shall be maintained on file in the facility and a copy shall be forwarded to the Division of Health Licensing. If the agreement is changed, a copy shall be forwarded to the Division of Health Licensing. (I)

C. Fire protection for all facilities shall meet all of the requirements of the South Carolina State Fire Marshal's Office.

1602. Tests (II)

Fire protection and suppression systems shall be maintained and tested at least annually in accordance with NFPA 10, 13, 14, 15, 25, 70, 72, and 96.

1603. Fire Response Training (I)

A. Each staff member shall receive training within seven (7) days of his or her first day on the job in the facility and at least annually thereafter, addressing at a minimum, the following:

1. Fire plan;
2. Reporting a fire;
3. Use of the fire alarm system;
4. Location and use of fire-fighting equipment;
5. Methods of fire containment;
6. Specific responsibilities, tasks, or duties of each individual when a facility fire occurs.

B. A plan for the evacuation of residents, staff members, and visitors, to include procedures and evacuation routes out of the facility, in case of fire or other emergencies, shall be established and posted in conspicuous public areas throughout the facility.

1604. Fire Drills (I)

A. An unannounced fire drill shall be conducted at least quarterly for all shifts. Records of drills shall be maintained at the facility, indicating the date, time, shift, description, an evaluation of the drill, and the names of staff members directly involved in responding to the drill. Should fire drill requirements be mandated by statute or regulation, then compliance with that statute or regulation shall supersede the provisions of this section.

B. Drills shall be designed and conducted in consideration of and reflecting the content of the fire response training described in Section 1603.