

Our Purpose

Create a collaborative, multi-stakeholder coalition that is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires in buildings under construction, alteration, or demolition. To achieve this goal, coalition partners will align on best practices and agree to promote awareness of the coalition and offer educational materials and opportunities to stakeholder organizations that value a fire safe construction site.

The Coalition's educational material can be found at www.ConstructionFireSafety.org. The website offers a wide variety of content from checklists to videos for owners/developers, builders, regulators, and operational fire service personnel.



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*Preventing construction fires is
everyone's business.*



Coalition Goals

- Identify and communicate resources and opportunities that are readily available and can be leveraged quickly.
- Reduce the frequency and severity of fires during construction, alteration, demolition or related activities, including site development and on-site material staging.
- Educate owners/developers, builders, regulatory officials, and design professionals who are engaged in the construction of buildings and the affected operational fire service.
- Enhance coordination among developer/ investors, designers, contractors and permitting/inspection agencies.
- Identify gaps in adoption, implementation and enforcement of codes and standards requirements including site security, construction practices and related behaviors.
- Educate owners/developers on the need to have a fire prevention program manager on

site and explore education and credentialing opportunities for onsite fire prevention program managers.

- Develop model, scalable fire prevention and protection plans that can be used by public and private sector entities.
- Encourage business and industry with fiduciary interests in construction, alteration or demolition projects to exert their influence to reduce the number and severity of events.

Please Join Us

The Construction Fire Safety Coalition is open to any interested persons or organizations that wish to help reduce the frequency and severity of construction fires. There is no financial commitment associated with becoming a partner.

We hope you will choose to join your colleagues in promoting improved public and fire fighter safety through reduced frequency and/or severity of construction site fires.

Background

While unwanted fires during construction statistically are rare, such fires often times result in significant financial losses, both direct and indirect and can strain available community resources. Fires are not limited to buildings of combustible construction “types” but also include events in structures that are fire resistive or non-combustible.

Regardless of their cause, these events put fire fighters at risk, stretch fire, building and water departments to their limits, disrupt traffic, impact neighboring structures and other infrastructure and compel people to ask if combustible construction is safe.

Fires during construction often occur when the structure is most vulnerable. In many instances fire protection systems and equipment may not be in place, fire resistive construction and opening protectives may not be complete, and a huge variety of flammable and combustible material has accumulated on a job site. Additionally, combustible material may be temporarily arranged in a manner that supports fire growth, such as combustible spaces that are intended to be concealed once a building is complete.

When completed, these projects meet the requirements of the International Code Council’s (ICC) International Building Code or the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code including the installation of automatic sprinkler and fire alarm systems demanded by the codes. The ICC International Fire Code, NFPA Fire Code and NFPA 241 “Standard for Safeguarding Construction, Alteration, and Demolition Operations” provide prescriptive-based regulations to protect buildings during these vulnerable periods. It must be recognized that despite all efforts, fire losses may still occur in buildings under construction.

Partner Form

Can we list your organization on the Partner webpage?

Yes No

Name

Organization

Name or Organization to be listed on Partner page (if applicable)

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For inquiries or further questions about the Construction Fire Safety Coalition, email partners@constructionfiresafety.org.

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