

Office of the State Fire Marshal – Fire Prevention Division



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Equipment like fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors has made buildings much safer. This equipment must be tested and maintained to make sure it will work during a fire. Here are the primary maintenance and testing requirements for fire and life safety systems and equipment.

Fire / Life Safety System	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual	Other
Exits							
Exit doors checked for operation	x						
Corridors clear of obstructions	x						
Exterior stairs/escapes checked	x						
Fire Alarm System - See Fire Alarm Testing Fire Fact							
System verified on and operable	x						
System Testing						X	
Sensitivity Testing							1, 3, 5 - then every 5 yrs
Batteries							Manufacturer guidelines
Emergency Lights							
30 Sec Test			x				
90 Min Test						X	
Exit Signs							
30 Sec Test			x				
90 Min Test						X	
Generator - See Generator Testing Fire Fact							
Checked for readiness		x					
System Testing			x			x	
Fire Sprinkler System - See Fire Sprinkler System Testing Fire Fact							
System Testing					X*	X	* Dry System
Internal Obstruction							Every 5 yrs
Standpipe Hydrostatic							Every 5 yrs
Fire Extinguishers							
Quick check			x				
Service by certified tech						X	
Tear down maintenance							Every 6 yrs
Hydrostatic Test							Stored pressure - Every 12 yrs CO2 - Every 5 yrs
Hood Suppression							
System Service					X		Fusible links replaced annually
System Cleaning						X	Professionally according to usage
Tear down maintenance							Every 6 yrs

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