



New Sprinkler and Standpipe Requirements Frequently Asked Questions

The Department has compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions for the four new sprinkler and standpipe laws that are now in effect:

- Local Law 58/09 – Color-Coding of Sprinklers & Standpipes
- Local Law 60/09 – Cutting & Capping of Sprinklers & Standpipes
- Local Law 63/09 – Hydrostatic Pressure Testing of Standpipes
- Local Law 64/09 – Air Pressurized Standpipe Alarm Systems

AIR PRESSURIZED STANDPIPE ALARM SYSTEM

Who needs to be notified of alarm activation or deactivation?

A FDNY borough dispatcher must be notified. Notifying the local fire house is discouraged. The FDNY must also be notified of all out-of-service standpipe systems. FDNY borough dispatchers can be contacted at the following numbers:

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| Manhattan | 212-570-4300 |
| Bronx | 718-430-0200 |
| Brooklyn | 718-965-8300 |
| Queens | 718-476-6200 |
| Staten Island | 718-494-4296 |

Who is responsible for notifying FDNY?

The Site Safety Manager or the fire watch, if after normal work hours.

What are acceptable methods of notifying FDNY?

Communication devices that do not require a coin to operate, such as telephone land lines or cell phones, are acceptable. Pay phones are not recommended.

What is the penalty for failing to have the alarm installed?

Failure to install an air pressurized alarm will result in a Class 1, immediately hazardous violation that carries a minimum penalty of \$2,400.

Is the air pressurized alarm required on construction standpipes?

The air pressurized alarm is required if the construction standpipe system is permitted to be maintained as a dry system. The construction standpipe is required when the height of the building reaches 75 feet or as specified in BC 905.3.1.

Does the air pressurized standpipe require hoses or pressure restrictors to be installed?

No, hoses, adapters and pressure restrictors are not required for the air pressurized standpipe.

Does the air pressurized alarm have to be connected to a central station alarm service?

No, but it must be able to alert the site safety office or fire watch.

Does the alarm have to be audible throughout the site, including remote areas such as the upper floors for a taller building?

Yes, the alarm must be audible throughout the site. This may require multiple horns.

Questions?

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