

Fire Sprinkler E-News

Keeping You Up-To-Date and Informed

Washington State Fire Marshal's Office
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Applications

Contractors: Level 1,2,3,U & ITT

- Application
- Affidavit
- Terms of License
- Licensing Bond (Levels 1,2 and I&T)
- Licensing Bond (Levels 3 and U)
- Assignment of Time Deposit

C of C (Designer): Level 1,2,3 & U

- Application
- Affidavit
- Verification of Employment

Inspection and Testing Technician:

- Application
- Affidavit

[Fee Schedule](#)



Fitter Program

Training

- WA State Fire Marshal
- Nat'l Fire Sprinkler Assoc.

Testing

- NICET

Public Education

- Home Fire Sprinkler Coal.
- WA State Fire Marshal

Saves

- Spokane

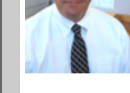
Links

- WA State Fire Marshal
- American Fire Sprinkler Assoc.
- Nat'l Fire Sprinkler Assoc.
- Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board of Puget Sound
- Nat'l Fire Protection Assoc. (NFPA)
- WAC 212-80
- RCW 18.160
- RCW 18.270



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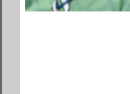
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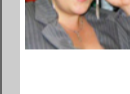
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**PREVENT FIRES
IT'S YOUR JOB!**

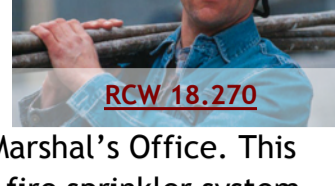


Successful Fire Sprinkler Activations

In 2007, there were 80 successful fire Sprinkler Activations reported by Washington State fire departments to the National Fire Incident Reporting System. These activations protected \$148 million in property and saved 87% of the property and contents. In each incident, from 1 to 5 heads operated and either extinguished or nearly extinguished the fires.

Fitter Law

Beginning January 1, 2009, RCW 18.270 requires individuals interested in performing sprinkler fitter work be certified by the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. This includes installing, altering or repairing fire sprinkler system standpipe, hose or other hazard systems for fire protection purposes that are an assembly of piping or conduit beginning at the connection to the primary water supply within a building. It also includes sprinkler tank heaters, air lines or all tanks and pumps attached thereto. Applicants can apply to be grandfathered in as a Certificate of Competency Holder by March 31, 2009, they can apply and test to become a Certificate of Competency Holder, or they can become a Trainee.



[RCW 18.270](#)

Night Club Law

Under the new night club law, the requirement to install fire sprinklers will apply to nightclubs, restaurants, taverns and bars in which the area of the concentrated use space designated for dancing and viewing performances exceeds three hundred fifty square feet. Businesses excluded from this requirement are banquet halls, theaters with fixed seating, and lodge halls. The deadline for compliance is extended to December 1, 2009.



[RCW 19.27.500](#)

2008 Renewals

All licenses and certifications expire on December 31, 2008. You will soon be receiving a renewal notice in the mail. To renew your license or certification: 1) Confirm that the information on the renewal notice is correct. Your new license will be mailed to the address on the form. 2) Include the annual fee and 3) Return the renewal notice with payment by December 1. Missing any of these steps will result in delay of your renewal. A license cannot be renewed without at least one certificate holder. No certificate holder will be renewed to an unlicensed contractor. You will be in violation of state law if you accept or perform work in 2009 without first renewing your license or certification.



Temporary ITT Program Ends

The program for receiving a temporary certification while participating in the testing process ends December 31, 2008. To be qualified for renewal you must pass the NICET test or pass the elements of the NICET test required by the State Fire Marshal's Office. Submit proof that you passed the test or the required elements with your renewal.



[Temporary ITT](#)

ITT Certifications

It has come to our attention that a significant number of fire protection system contractors are not ensuring that their IT Technicians are certified. We remind all fire protection system contractors and IT Technicians of WAC 212-80-170:

"(1) Any employee of a sprinkler system inspection and testing contractor who physically performs inspection and testing of water based fire protection systems shall be certified by the chief of the Washington State Patrol, through the director of fire protection, as an inspection and testing technician as defined in WAC."

Violations of this WAC are subject to a fine to the technician and/or the company.



[WAC 212-80-170](#)

Historic Residential Sprinkler Code Passes

"In a move that will go down in Fire Protection history as one of the most significant steps toward creating improved fire safe communities through out the United States, members of the International Code Council (ICC) approved on September 21st, 2008, a life and property-saving residential sprinkler code proposal (RB64-07/08) at the 2008 ICC Code hearings in Minneapolis."

-Don Pamplin-



National Fire Sprinkler Association