

REQUIREMENTS FOR TEMPORARY FIRE WATCH

Have you been told you need a Fire Watch?

Per NFPA 101-9.6.1.6, In the event that a required fire alarm/sprinkler system is determined to be not in proper working order for more than four (4) hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period or is not installed, the following actions shall be taken by the facility or the building shall be vacated:

1. Establish a temporary fire watch by individuals who are dedicated solely to fire watch duty. It shall be the responsibility of management to ensure that fire watch personnel are capable of performing all functions of a fire watch as defined in this document. A qualified fire watch includes a security company that has been trained in fire watch procedures, off-duty firefighter with minimum standards, or off-duty police officer with police standards, or persons approved by the Fire marshal.
2. Management shall instruct fire watch personnel as to the route covered.
3. The route shall be explicitly defined to ensure that the fire watch personnel patrols the correct area.
4. The fire watch personnel assigned to each route shall be provided with instructions, a communication device to contact 911, any keys needed, contact information for the property, all details regarding the route, and the functions to be carried out in covering the route.
5. Fire watch personnel shall make rounds at one half (1/2) hour intervals. During the rounds, the fire watch personnel shall make a thorough inspection of all buildings or spaces including concealed areas, such as attics, unoccupied storage areas, etc. Fire watch personnel shall sign a log sheet maintained in the facility main office or other approved location. Log sheet shall state begin time and end time of each individual round and the name (printed) and the initials of the personnel.

For log sheet click side tab on Bureau of Life Safety

6. Fax log to Cape Coral Fire Department, Life Safety Risk Reduction Bureau every morning by 8:00 A.M. at (239) 242-3398.