

FY 2023 Health Life Safety Updates

ADMINISTRATION and GENERAL BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

(Updated) 2. School Safety Drills (105 ILCS 128)

During each academic year, schools must conduct the following drills: Three (3) evacuation drills to prepare for fire incidents (with at least one with local fire official present), one (1) bus evacuation drill that includes instruction in safe bus riding practices for all students, one (1) shelter-in-place drill to prepare for tornado incidents, and one (1) law enforcement drill to prepare for lockdowns, shootings, bomb threats, or hazardous materials or other incidents. **Fire:** Upon the participation of the local fire service, the appropriate local fire official shall certify that the school evacuation drill was conducted. If the fire official does not select one of the four (4) offered dates in October or set another date by mutual agreement, the requirement that the school include the local fire service in one of its mandatory school evacuation drills shall be waived. **The local fire department may keep their own records, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the school district to make sure documentation is submitted to the ROE or the ISC.**

Law Enforcement: During each calendar year, the appropriate local law enforcement agency shall contact the appropriate school administrator to request to participate in a law enforcement drill and may actively participate on-site in a drill. Upon the participation of a local law enforcement agency in a law enforcement drill that occurs within the first 90 days of the school year, the appropriate local law enforcement official shall certify that the law enforcement drill was conducted.

(Updated) 14. Clearance Above Storage and Clearance from Sprinkler Heads

(IFC15: 315.3.1; IFC09/06/03: 315.2.1; BOCA-F: 2103.2; BOCA-PM: 705.2.2; NFPA 13)

Storage shall be maintained 2 ft or more below the ceiling in nonsprinklered areas of a building. The clearance between the sprinkler deflector and the top of storage shall be 18 in or greater. If special sprinkler heads are used, (which is not common in educational occupancies) such as ESFR and Large Drop sprinklers the clearance between the sprinkler deflector and the top of storage shall be 36 in. [See Appendix M]

BLEACHERS AND GRANDSTANDS

(Updated) 65. Structures Underneath Grandstands such as Concession Stands, Snack Bars, Toilet Rooms, and Storage (IBC; NFPA 102)

IBC only: Where spaces under grandstands or bleachers are used for purposes other than ticket booths less than 100 ft² and toilet rooms, such spaces shall be separated by fire barriers with not less than 1-hour fire-rated construction. **BOCA, 175, and 185 only:** Accessory uses such as ticket booths, toilet facilities, or concession booths shall be permitted in such spaces where of noncombustible or fire-resistive construction. Concession booths of any construction are permitted if protected throughout with sprinklers or constructed using 1-hour fire-rated construction.

CORRIDORS

(Updated) 115. Artwork (IFC15: 807.5.2.2; IFC15: 807.5.2.3; IFC09/06: 807.4.3.2)

For schools contracted for design on or after September 25, 2007 only: Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on the walls of corridors to not more than 20% of the wall area. ~~**For Schools contracted for design on or after July 1, 2016 Only:** Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on walls of classrooms to not more than 50% of the specific wall area to which they are attached.~~

(Updated) PHOTO DEVELOPING LABS

This applies only to labs that are still using film and chemicals. This does not apply to digital photo processing.

TEACHERS' WORKROOMS AND LOUNGES

(Updated) 301. Maintenance of Fire-Rated Construction and Door Closers (IFC: 703; BOCA-F: 303)

If the teachers' lounge has any cooking or heating appliances, **with the exception of microwaves, refrigerators, and coffee pots**, the required fire-rated construction shall be maintained. [See Appendix O, P, or Q for requirements]