



Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Planning

National Fire Protection Association

National Fire Code 909

Protection of Cultural Resources



Scope of NFPA 909

1. Museums
2. Libraries
3. Historic Buildings
4. Places of Worship



Fire Emergency Planning

1. Life Safety Systems
2. Fire Prevention
3. Fire Inspections
4. Periodic Property Surveys
5. Proper Operation of Fire Equipment

Responsibility of the Facility's
Governing Body

Fire Risk Assessment Shall be
Conducted



Fire Protection Plan

1. Format a Plan
2. Updated Annually
3. Fire Safety Log
4. Training of Staff
5. Testing of All Fire Protection Equipment
6. Fire Safety Goals



Planning for a Response

The Governing Body shall develop and Implement an Emergency Management Plan. The Plan Shall Include an Annual Exercise to Ensure the Staff and Management Can Perform the Required Tasks.

Part of the Plan Must include, Notifying the Fire Department of the Type and Location of the Emergency.



Training of Management and Staff

All Staff and Management (Includes Volunteers and Interns) Shall Receive Periodic Training in:

- Fire Protection Plan
- Emergency Evacuation Plan
- Salvage Plan
- Fire Protection and Detection Systems, Including Fire Extinguishers.



Fire Prevention

1. Decorations
2. Fire Spread Control
3. Housekeeping
4. Smoking
5. Hot Work Permits
6. Open Flames
7. Chimneys
8. Electrical Hazards



Leading Cause of Fire in Museums is Electrical



Types of Fires in Museums

1.	Electrical	24%
2.	Arson	18%
3.	Other Equipment	11%
4.	Open Flame	10%
5.	Heating Equipment	8%
6.	Smoking	8%
7.	Cooking	7%
8.	Natural Causes	4%
9.	Other	10%



Leading Cause of Fire in Libraries is Arson



Causes of Fires in Libraries

1.	Arson	40%
2.	Electrical	20%
3.	Other Equipment	10%
4.	Open Flame	6%
5.	Smoking	6%
6.	Heating Equipment	6%
7.	Cooking	4%
8.	Other	8%



Leading Cause of Fire in
Places of Worship is Arson



Causes of Fires in Places of Worship

1.	Arson	35%
2.	Electrical	15%
3.	Heating Equipment	12%
4.	Open Flame	8%
5.	Other	7%
6.	Natural Causes	6%
7.	Cooking	5%
8.	Other	12%



Security Measures

1. Things That Help Protect Against Arson
 - A. Who has entry rights.
 - B. Do you have security patrols.
 - C. Are all entry points monitored
 - D. Locked exits???

Historic Structures are Included in NFPA 909, Wide Variety of Structure Types and Use Groups





Fires Can Start Anywhere and at Anytime-Having a Good Plan and Training Helps Prevent These Tragedies

