



## 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:

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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