



NFPA 1: Fire Code

Code Use and Development

- Currently adopted statewide in 19 states, **NFPA 1: Fire Code (NFPA 1)**, addresses minimum requirements for building construction, operation, and maintenance, fire department access, and hazardous materials necessary to establish a reasonable level of fire safety and property protection in new and existing buildings. NFPA 1 provides fire code officials with a comprehensive package of criteria to ensure public safety on a routine basis.
- **NFPA 1** draws many of its requirements from some 57 other NFPA codes and standards, giving fire code officials the critical needed requirements, in one place, when conducting reviews and inspections of new and existing buildings and facilities. Other requirements unique to **NFPA 1** include those addressing fire department access, required fire flow, and fire hydrants. **NFPA 1** can be used in conjunction with NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*, NFPA 5000, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, as well as other model building codes.
- In addition to its use in the United States, **NFPA 1** was recently translated into Portuguese and adopted by the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in advance of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

Safety, Service, and Training

- NFPA's commitment to safety extends beyond code development. NFPA has a long tradition of providing jurisdictions that adopt **NFPA 1** and other major NFPA codes with free training, associated code books, and ongoing technical support, including free access to NFPA's technical advisory services. NFPA serves as a resource to professionals by publishing a wide range of handbooks, reference books, textbooks, field guides, and training manuals. NFPA will continue to make available this unparalleled level of support for authorities adopting key codes and standards.

Public Safety Benefits beyond Code Adoption

- The benefits of using **NFPA 1** and other NFPA codes or standards also extend beyond code adoption. NFPA channels its resources into a variety of public safety efforts, including broad public education programs, independent research initiatives, and continuing education services. All of these efforts are part of NFPA's commitment to enhancing public safety.
- When you support NFPA, you also are supporting those initiatives.
- Education efforts for the general public include the publication of fire, building, and life safety outreach programs and materials for adults and children. No other code development organization shares NFPA's commitment to both the users of our codes, as well as to the communities in which our codes are used.