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How does the CMS adoption apply to fire doors?

NFPA 101-2012 requires compliance with NFPA 80-2010, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives, which covers the installation, care, and maintenance of many types of fire doors and opening protectives. More specifically, NFPA 80 requires that all fire door assemblies be inspected and tested yearly.

Facility managers are responsible for ensuring that the yearly inspection and testing be performed, deficiencies corrected, follow-up reacceptance testing be conducted, and records maintained for review by the authority having jurisdiction, in accordance with NFPA 80.

Which door components need to be inspected and tested?

Before the required functional testing, a visual inspection is required to be performed to identify any damaged or missing parts that might create a hazard during testing. For swinging doors, the visual inspection and operational testing must include verification of the following 11 items:

- There are no open holes or breaks present on surfaces.
- Glazing is intact and in place.
- Doors, frame, and hardware are secured and in working order.
- Parts are not missing or broken.
- Door clearances are within required specifications.
- Self-closing devices are operational.
- Door coordinator (if installed) functions correctly.
- Latching hardware secures the door when it is closed.
- Auxiliary hardware does not interfere with door or frame.
- Field modifications have not been made that void the label.
- Gasketing and seals are in place, where required.
Who is qualified to perform the inspections?
Inspections can be performed by employees of the facility, such as maintenance personnel. However, they must have the knowledge and understanding of the operating components of the type of assembly being tested — which typically will be swinging doors with builders hardware — and meet the definition of qualified person. NFPA 80 defines qualified person as a person, who by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, professional standing, or skill, and who, by knowledge, training, and experience, has demonstrated the ability to deal with the subject matter, the work, or the project.

Is documentation of the inspection and testing required?
In addition to the annual inspection and testing of fire door assemblies, it is the facility manager’s responsibility to retain records — in either hard copy or digital form — for review by the authority having jurisdiction. CMS established January 1, 2018, as the date for full compliance with the annual fire door assembly inspection and testing.

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Delve into NFPA 80 and its related products and services to assist you in ensuring that your facility’s fire door assemblies are in compliance with CMS mandates. Visit the NFPA 80 document information page at www.nfpa.org/80 and click the Free Access link to view NFPA 80. For more resources, click the Related Products link for access to the following:

Standards and handbooks
▶ NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives (2010 edition)
▶ NFPA 80, Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives Handbook
▶ CMS Health Care, Life Safety, and Fire Protection Codes Set (includes the 2010 edition of NFPA 80, the 2012 editions of NFPA 101 and NFPA 99, and other pertinent NFPA codes and standards to assist users in CMS compliance)

Training
▶ NFPA 101 and NFPA 80 Fire Door Inspection for Health Care Facilities 1-Day Classroom Training
▶ NFPA 80-2016 Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance Requirements for Swinging Fire Doors Online Training

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