



NFPA 101®: Life Safety Code®

Code Use and Development

- Currently used in every U.S. state and adopted statewide in 43 states, **NFPA 101®:Life Safety Code® (NFPA 101)**, addresses minimum building design, construction, operation, and maintenance requirements necessary to protect building occupants from danger caused by fire, smoke, and toxic fumes. The **Life Safety Code** is truly the genesis of nearly all means-of-egress and life safety criteria codes used in the United States.
- **NFPA 101** is the most comprehensive code addressing safety to life from fire and similar emergencies in both new and existing buildings. The **Life Safety Code** can be used in conjunction with a building code or alone in jurisdictions that do not have a building code in place.
- **NFPA 101** is recognized and utilized by numerous federal government agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Safety, Service, and Training

- NFPA's commitment to safety extends beyond code development. NFPA has a long tradition of providing jurisdictions that adopt **NFPA 101** and other major NFPA codes with free training, associated codebooks, and ongoing technical support. 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 101** 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.