



FIRE WATCH REQUIREMENTS

When a life safety system in your building has been impaired, a fire watch is required.

WHAT IS A FIRE WATCH?

A fire watch is the assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department and/or building occupants of an emergency, preventing a fire from occurring, extinguishing small fires, or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers.



REQUIREMENTS OF THE NC STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Fire Alarm and/or Sprinkler System Shutdown

NCSFC Section 901.7. Where a required Fire Protection System is out of service, the fire department and the fire code official shall be notified immediately and, where required by the fire code official, the building shall either be evacuated or an approved fire watch shall be provided for all occupants left unprotected by the shutdown until the fire protection system has been returned to service.

Morrisville Fire Department
Fire Prevention Office
100 Morrisville Carpenter Rd
Morrisville, NC 27560

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Fire Watch Duties

The Town of Morrisville Fire Marshal or designee may require a building owner to provide a fire watch if a fire protection system fails, if there are an excessive number of accidental activations or nuisance alarms, or a special circumstance or event. Personnel to conduct the fire watch are determined by the building owner.

Owner Responsibilities

- Establish, instruct and maintain fire watch personnel.
- Notify the fire alarm monitoring company.
- Notify the Fire Prevention Office that the system is not working and again when the system is restored at (919) 463-6192 or (919) 463-6122 or email mhicks@morrisvillenc.gov or mchorney@morrisvillenc.gov
- Contact a licensed and qualified contractor to fix the fire protection system(s).
- If a Notice of Violation or Civil Citation has been issued, contact the designated Fire Prevention Office when the system has been repaired.

Personnel serving as a fire watch must have the following duties:

- Conduct periodic patrols of the entire facility as specified.
- Identify any fire, life, or property hazards.
- Notify the Fire Department if a fire is discovered by calling 9-1-1 with the exact address and type of emergency.
- Notify occupants of the facility of the need to evacuate. If the sirens or public address function of the alarm system are still functional, use them to assist with evacuation of the building.
- Determine at least one means of direct communication with the Fire Department. A telephone or radio is acceptable.
- Maintain a log of fire watch activities.
- Have knowledge of the location and use of fire protection equipment, such as watch. However, the Fire Department may designate other duties. fire extinguishers.
- Fire watch personnel cannot have other duties besides their assigned fire

NOTE: The fire watch will not perform fire-fighting duties beyond the scope of the ordinary citizen.

FIRE WATCH LOG

CONTACT PERSON

PHONE NUMBER

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Submit the log every morning at 8 a.m.

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