

SECTION 2: SAFETY AND HEALTH CODES AND STANDARDS

References

1. 29 CFR, Part 1960, "Elements for Federal Employees Occupational Safety and Health Programs," Subpart C.
2. Departmental Manual (DM), Part 485, "Safety and Occupational Health Manual," Chapter 4.
3. Public Buildings Amendment Act of 1988.

Requirements

1. The National Park Service (NPS) will meet or exceed applicable safety, health, environmental and related trade codes and standards. It should be remembered that these codes and standards represent the minimum acceptable level of safety. Nothing precludes the design, construction or operation of NPS units at a higher level of safety than that provided for in these codes and standards.
2. Where conflicts arise between codes and standards, the more stringent requirement(s) will be used.
3. If codes, standards, procedures and guidelines do not exist, or those existing are not adequate, appropriate requirements will be developed. All newly developed standards or waivers for existing standards should be processed through the Chief, Risk Management, WASO.
4. The National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code, NFPA 101, will be used as the primary basis for evaluating structures and other facilities regarding property, environmental, employee and visitor safety from fire hazards.
5. The following are federal and national consensus standards to be used in NPS operations (Web sites where standards are found are included; some require purchase or subscription):
 - a. Occupational Safety and Health Administration – www.osha.gov
 - 29 CFR 1960 – Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs
 - 29 CFR 1910 – General Industry Standards
 - 29 CFR 1926 – Construction Safety Standards
 - b. Environmental Protection Agency – www.epa.gov
 - 40 CFR 1-999 – EPA Regulations

- c. General Services Administration – www.gsa.gov
 - 41 CFR 1-999 – GSA Regulations
- d. Department of Transportation – www.dot.gov
 - 49 CFR 1-999 – Transportation Regulations
- e. National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards – www.nfpa.org
- f. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards – www.ansi.org
- g. Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS, 1984) – www.access-board.gov
- h. Americans With Disabilities Act Architectural Guideline (ADAAG, 1990) – www.access-board.gov

Responsibilities

1. Supervisors and managers will ensure that safety standards are implemented and enforced to prevent injuries and property loss and reduce legal liability exposures.
2. Regional Risk Managers and the Denver Service Center Safety Engineer will serve as resources to management for standards, information, interpretation, insight and counsel.
3. Employees will conduct work operations in accordance with safety and occupational health standards. Employees are responsible for reporting unsafe/unhealthful conditions and/or operations due to the lack of standard(s) usage or when standards are questionable as to providing an acceptable level of risk.
4. All required codes and standards should be accessible to management and employees for carrying out their responsibilities.