

Use the following questions to think about ways of increasing safety and security in your school. For more information, see *Mitigating Hazards in School Facilities*, <http://www.ncef.org/safeschools/index.cfm>.

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

■ Do all fire alarm and control system components meet local code and emergency responder requirements, are they maintained by qualified personnel, and are they in good working order?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Are fire extinguishers, pull stations, and standpipe cabinets located where they can be easily monitored? Pull stations chronically used for false alarms can be put under electronic surveillance.

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Can alarms be perceived and recognized as evacuation signals above ambient noise or light levels by everyone in the area?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Are sprinkler heads mounted flush with ceilings? This makes them less susceptible to damage from vandalism.

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Are fire extinguisher cabinets mounted flush with walls?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Do fire alarm pull stations have tamper-deterrent covers that emit warning sounds when lifted?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Are fire alarm panels inaccessible to unauthorized personnel?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Is there redundant off-premises fire alarm reporting, such as to a fire station or a monitoring center?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Is fire-detection equipment reasonably protected from an incapacitating mechanical or physical impact?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Are outdoor fire detection and response systems protected against vandalism, corrosion, and the elements?

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

Note:

■ Can the alarm system's backup battery or emergency generator operate the system for 24 hours? This protects occupants if the power goes out or the school is used as an emergency shelter.

Yes  No  Not applicable  Further study

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