
29 C.F.R. § 1915.505

Fire response.

(a) *Employer responsibilities.* The employer must:

- (1) Decide what type of response will be provided and who will provide it; and
- (2) Create, maintain, and update a written policy that:
 - (i) Describes the internal and outside fire response organizations that the employer will use; and
 - (ii) Defines what evacuation procedures employees must follow, if the employer chooses to require a total or partial evacuation of the worksite at the time of a fire.

(b) *Required written policy information—(1) Internal fire response.* If an internal fire response is to be used, the employer must include the following information in the employer's written policy:

- (i) The basic structure of the fire response organization;
 - (ii) The number of trained fire response employees;
 - (iii) The fire response functions that may need to be carried out;
 - (iv) The minimum number of fire response employees necessary, the number and types of apparatuses, and a description of the fire suppression operations established by written standard operating procedures for each type of fire response at the employer's facility;
 - (v) The type, amount, and frequency of training that must be given to fire response employees; and
 - (vi) The procedures for using protective clothing and equipment.
- (2) *Outside fire response.* If an outside fire response organization is used, the employer must include the following information in the written policy:
- (i) The types of fire suppression incidents to which the fire response organization is expected to respond at the employer's facility or worksite;
 - (ii) The liaisons between the employer and the outside fire response organizations; and
 - (iii) A plan for fire response functions that:
 - (A) Addresses procedures for obtaining assistance from the outside fire response organization;
 - (B) Familiarizes the outside fire response organization with the layout of the employer's facility or worksite, including access routes to controlled areas, and site-specific operations, occupancies, vessels or vessel sections, and hazards; and,
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(C) Sets forth how hose and coupling connection threads are to be made compatible and includes where the adapter couplings are kept; or

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