

10A.511 Fire control duties.

The duties of the director relating to fire control shall be as follows:

1. To enforce all laws, and the rules and regulations of the department concerned with all of the following:

- a. The prevention of fires.
- b. The storage, transportation, handling, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles, fireworks, and explosives.
- c. The storage, transportation, handling, and use of liquid petroleum gas.
- d. The electric wiring and heating, and adequate means of exit in case of fire, from churches, schools, hotels, theaters, amphitheaters, asylums, hospitals, health care facilities as defined in [section 135C.1](#), college buildings, lodge halls, public meeting places, and all other structures in which persons congregate from time to time, whether publicly or privately owned.

2. To promote fire safety and reduction of loss by fire through educational methods.

3. To promulgate fire safety rules in consultation with the state fire marshal. The director shall have exclusive right to promulgate fire safety rules as they apply to enforcement or inspection requirements by the department, but the rules shall be promulgated pursuant to [chapter 17A](#). Wherever by any statute the director or the department is authorized or required to promulgate, proclaim, or amend rules and minimum standards regarding fire hazards or fire safety or protection in any establishment, building, or structure, the rules and standards shall promote and enforce fire safety, fire protection, and the elimination of fire hazards as the rules may relate to the use, occupancy, and construction of the buildings, establishments, or structures. The word “*construction*” shall include but is not limited to electrical wiring, plumbing, heating, lighting, ventilation, construction materials, entrances and exits, and all other physical conditions of the building which may affect fire hazards, safety, or protection. The rules and minimum standards shall be in substantial compliance except as otherwise specifically provided in [this part](#), with the standards of the national fire protection association relating to fire safety as published in the national fire codes.

4. To adopt rules designating a fee to be assessed to each building, structure, or facility for which a fire safety inspection or plan review by the director is required by law. The fee designated by rule shall be set in an amount that is reasonably related to the costs of conducting the applicable inspection or plan review. The fees collected by the department shall be deposited in the general fund of the state.

5. To administer the fire extinguishing system contractor, alarm system contractor, and alarm system installer certification program established in [chapter 100C](#).

6. To order the suspension of the use of consumer fireworks, display fireworks, or novelties, as described in [section 727.2](#), if the state fire marshal determines that the use of such devices would constitute a threat to public safety.

[2023 Acts, ch 19, §1479; 2024 Acts, ch 1043, §5; 2025 Acts, ch 30, §6](#)

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