

**481—69.18 (231C) Structural and life safety reviews of a building for a new program.**

**69.18(1)** Before a building is constructed or remodeled for use in a new program, the department shall review the blueprints for compliance with requirements pursuant to this chapter. Construction or remodeling includes new construction, remodeling of any part of an existing building, addition of a new wing or floor to an existing building, or conversion of an existing building.

**69.18(2)** A program applicant shall submit to the department blueprints wet-sealed by an Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer and the blueprint plan review fee as stated in Iowa Code section 231C.18 to the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division, 215 E. 7th Street, Third Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

**69.18(3)** Failure to submit the blueprint plan review fee with the blueprints shall result in delay of the blueprint plan review until the fee is received.

**69.18(4)** The department shall review the blueprints and notify the Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer in writing regarding the status of compliance with requirements.

**69.18(5)** The Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer shall respond to the department to state how any noncompliance will be resolved.

**69.18(6)** Upon final notification by the department that the blueprints meet structural and life safety requirements, construction or remodeling of the building may commence.

**69.18(7)** The department shall schedule an on-site visit of the building site with the contractor, or Iowa-licensed architect or Iowa-licensed engineer, during the construction or remodeling process to ensure compliance with the approved blueprints. Any noncompliance must be resolved prior to approval for certification.