

## UNIVERSITY RULE

### **24.01.01.M7 Fire and Life Safety Compliance**

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#### **Rule Statement**

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Texas A&M University is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all faculty, staff, students and visitors. Compliance with applicable fire and life safety standards is a critical component of that commitment. Specifically, the University is required to comply with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) and the Fire Code (NFPA 1), and other NFPA codes and standards referenced therein.

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#### **Official Rule**

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1. TAMU at QATAR – FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY COMPLIANCE
  - 1.1 Responsibility for implementing the Fire and Life Safety Compliance at Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ) lies with the TAMUQ Office of Building Operations and Health, Safety, Security and Environment (OBO-HSSE) in conjunction with the Qatar Foundation, which is responsible for renovation, construction and operation of the building and life safety building systems.
  - 1.2 In addition to the requirements set out in this SAP, TAMUQ is obligated to follow applicable requirements of the Qatar Foundation and the State of Qatar.
2. TAMU at GALVESTON – FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY COMPLIANCE
  - 2.1 Responsibility for implementing the Fire and Life Safety Compliance at Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) lies with the TAMUG Environmental Health and Safety office.
3. GENERAL

Faculty, staff and administration at all levels must understand the importance of fire safety and support the campus-wide fire safety program that includes:

- 3.1 Code compliant design and construction of buildings;
- 3.2 Code compliant occupancy and operation of the buildings and facilities;
- 3.3 Assignment and acceptance of fire safety responsibility and accountability at all levels;
- 3.4 Regular inspection and review of facilities and activities; and
- 3.5 Preventive maintenance of all fire and life safety systems, including, but not limited to, fire extinguishers, fire suppression systems, fire detection and alarm systems, exit systems including marking and hardware, illumination systems including normal and emergency lighting and generators.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is responsible for all facilities on the Texas A&M and Texas A&M System campuses in Burleson and Brazos County, all Texas A&M Health Science Center facilities, the Texas A&M University Law School in Ft. Worth, the Texas A&M University Higher Education Center McAllen, and all Public Private Partnership (P-3) entities:
  - 4.1.1 Establishing, communicating, and maintaining appropriate campus-wide fire and life safety procedures and programs as necessary to maintain compliance with applicable codes and standards;
  - 4.1.2 Reviewing and approving all proposed construction, structural changes, or changes in use of building space on the TAMU campus, regardless of facility ownership, to address fire and life safety issues as the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) as defined by fire code;
  - 4.1.3 Providing training opportunities in fire and life safety for campus constituents;
  - 4.1.4 Performing regular inspections of facilities and activities;
  - 4.1.5 Performing preventive maintenance and testing of campus fire extinguishers and fire hydrants;
  - 4.1.6 Witnessing acceptance tests of fire and life safety systems and inspection of all related fire and life safety facility modifications;
  - 4.1.7 Interfacing with local fire departments to ensure a close working relationship, compatibility of fire safety equipment, adequate campus access for fire department apparatus, and familiarity with campus facilities, campus layout, naming conventions, and coordination of

emergency response;

- 4.1.8 Reviewing and approving both indoor and outdoor pyrotechnic displays and the use of flame effects (as described by, and in accordance with, the Texas Occupations Code) on campus or at University-sponsored events, see Standard Administrative Procedure [24.01.01.M7.01: Use of Pyrotechnics, Flame Effects, or Laser Light Shows](#);
  - 4.1.9 Reviewing and coordinating the approval process with State and local agencies for open burns such as brush or grassland, see Standard Administrative Procedure [24.01.01.M7.03: Safe Use of Outdoor Fires](#);
  - 4.1.10 Reviewing and approving other uses of open fires such as campfires, cookouts, etc. This does not include cookouts associated with private “tailgate” parties at athletic events, use of personal grills as allowed by the campus residence hall or University apartments, or use of installed grills at University-designated locations.
- 4.2 TAMUQ OBO-HSSE is responsible for the following at the Qatar campus:
- 4.2.1 Establishing, communicating, and maintaining appropriate fire and life safety procedures and programs as necessary to maintain compliance with applicable codes and standards;
  - 4.2.2 Reviewing and approving all proposed construction, structural changes, or changes in use of building space within the TAMUQ Engineering Building in conjunction with the Qatar Foundation, regardless of facility ownership, to address fire and life safety.
  - 4.2.3 Providing training opportunities in fire and life safety for campus constituents;
  - 4.2.4 Performing regular inspections of facilities and activities;
  - 4.2.5 Facilitate preventive maintenance and testing of campus fire extinguishers and fire hydrants through the Qatar Foundation, which is responsible for these activities
  - 4.2.6 Interfacing with the Qatar Foundation to ensure a close working relationship, compatibility of fire safety equipment, adequate campus access for fire department apparatus, and familiarity with campus facilities, campus layout, naming conventions, and coordination of emergency response;
  - 4.2.7 In conjunction with the Qatar Foundation, reviewing and approving pyrotechnic displays and the use of flame effects at the TAMUQ Engineering Building or at university-sponsored events. See Standard Administrative Procedure [24.01.01.M7.01: Use of Pyrotechnics, Flame Effects, and Laser Light Shows, and Laser Light Shows](#);

- 4.2.8 In conjunction with the Qatar Foundation, reviewing and approving other uses of open fires such as campfires, cookouts, etc.

At TAMUQ, the Qatar Foundation is responsible for requirements listed in section 3 of this Rule.

- 4.3 Compass/SSC is responsible for the following at the College Station and RELLIS campuses:

- 4.3.1 Performing preventive maintenance and testing of all campus fire and life safety systems, including but not limited to fire suppression systems, fire detection and alarm systems, exit systems including marking and hardware, and illumination systems including normal, emergency lighting, and generators;

- 4.3.2 Ensuring that new construction, renovations and alterations to existing structures [that are under Compass/SSC control] conform to applicable State of Texas laws regarding engineering, architecture, accessibility, and fire and life safety;

- 4.3.3 Ensuring that all structural modifications (that are under Compass/SSC control) that could affect fire and life safety are reviewed and approved by EHS;

- 4.3.4 Reporting occupant-initiated changes to the facility or room uses to EHS.

- 4.4 Faculty, Staff and Administrators:

- 4.4.1 Ensuring that all facility modifications and significant changes in use of facilities (e.g., changing an office to a laboratory, meeting room, etc.) under their responsibility receive prior review and approval by EHS or OBO-HSSE for modifications and changes at TAMUQ.

- 4.4.2 Enforcing University fire and life safety policies;

- 4.4.3 Correcting identified deficiencies.

- 4.5 Students Responsibilities:

Fire safety rules for students are contained in Student Rules. A student who resides in a University owned campus residence hall or University owned apartment should also review his or her residence hall housing contract, University apartment lease, Residence Hall or University Apartment Handbook.

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## **Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements**

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Supplements [System Policy 24.01](#) and [System Regulation 24.01.01](#)

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