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For *Life Safe* Participation

Training can cover a variety of subjects, including but not limited to: use of equipment, basic first aid, fire detection systems, recognizing/preventing fire hazards, hands-on instruction of fire extinguishers, shelter-in-place, home fire safety, evacuation for special needs employees/guests, and much more.

Fire/Emergency Drills: For commercial buildings, there must be two (2) annual emergency drills where occupants evacuate the facility. For residential buildings, there must be two (2) emergency drills acceptable to the local fire department procedures and standards.

The responsible safety management person should prepare a written record of each drill and date held; then, complete an evaluation form. A sample form is available from your local fire department. Firefighters will assist with emergency drills.

Evacuation Plan: The property manager shall provide a written evacuation plan to the fire department and to *Life Safe*. Escape routes must be posted in strategic locations throughout the building, clearly visible to personnel and visitors. Each time this plan is revised, an updated copy must be submitted.

Sample plans are available for your use, plus the committee will help teach you how to prepare a plan at the *Life Safe* annual training seminar held each May; or, by appointment.

Inspection: There shall be a current fire safety inspection conducted by the appropriate fire department. Part of the *Life Safe* program is to meet fire safety standards; participating in *Life Safe* does not mean that your facility meets all fire regulations.

Your application covers only one year; an annual renewal must be submitted each year by Labor Day.

The above are legal requirements by the National Fire Protection Association national fire code, NFPA 1 and 101; and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 – OSHA 29 CFR 1910.3, and OSHA 29 CFR 1919.158 (g) (1.)