



Fire Watch Requirements

Rockdale County Fire Marshal's Office (RCFMO) requires a fire watch when a life safety system will be impaired for more than 10-hours in a 24-hour period, the owner's representative may request fire watch for the building, or effected portion thereof, in lieu of evacuation.

FIRE WATCH: A temporary measure (30-days or less) intended to ensure continuous and systematic monitoring of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purposes of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of fire, raising an alarm of fire, and notifying the fire department.

DUTIES: The assigned fire watch person/s shall not be assigned to any other duties besides the following:

1. Shall conduct systematic inspection of the property at least once an hour.
2. Shall have the means to immediately contact 911 when a fire or similar emergencies occur.
3. Shall notify occupants of an emergency and instruct occupants to evacuate the building.
4. Shall have the knowledge, skill, and ability to operate a fire extinguisher for the purpose of extinguishing small fires.
5. Shall be responsible for keeping a logbook for recording the following information:
 - Name of assigned person
 - Date of fire watch observation rounds
 - Time of fire watch observation rounds
 - Conditions (i.e. no fire detected at this time).
6. Shall update the logbook hourly during the time the building is occupied; and
7. Shall ensure the Public Notice is posted and visible to the public at each building entrance.
8. Email fire watch log to FireMarshal@RockdaleCountyGa.Gov at the end of each work week.

The Fire Watch log shall be updated and maintained on the property for inspection for the entire duration of the Fire Watch. Additional copies of the log as well as this document can be emailed with a request to FireMarshal@RockdaleCountyGa.Gov If a company is hired to conduct a fire watch, their contact information shall be forwarded to RCFMO .

To discontinue the fire watch: once the fire protection system is returned to service, your service provider must forward a report of the work that was completed showing that the system is fully operational now to FireMarshal@RockdaleCountyGa.Gov

Failing to comply with the requirements of Fire Watch is a criminal offense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Rockdale County Fire Marshal's Office at 770-278-8457. **Call 911 for emergencies.**

***By order of the Fire Marshal, the public notice contained on the following sheet shall be and remain posted at each building entrance for the entire duration of the impairment until its removal is ordered by an authorized fire code official.**



PUBLIC NOTICE:

A FIRE WATCH HAS BEEN ORDERED ON THESE PREMISES BECAUSE FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM(S) ARE IMPAIRED AND MAY NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE EMERGENCY.

**THE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS IMPAIRED FOR MORE THAN
☐ 10 HOURS IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD [NFPA 25-15.5.2(4)]**

**THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IS IMPAIRED FOR MORE THAN 8
☐ HOURS IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD [NFPA 72-10.20.4]**

BY ORDER OF THE FIRE MARSHAL – DEFACING/REMOVAL OF THIS NOTICE BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IS UNLAWFUL

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