

# UTS135 Fire and Life Safety

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# State Fire Marshal – Legislative Authority

- Texas Administrative Code, 28 TAC § 34.303
  - (1) NFPA 1 – 2015 Fire Code
  - (2)NFPA Life Safety Code 101-2015
- Texas Government Code Section 417.008, State Fire Marshal, Right of Entry
- 417.0081 - Inspection of State-Owned or State Leased Buildings



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- Buildings owned, or leased by The University of Texas System or any of its institutions
- Campus programs and infrastructure
- This policy also governs the acquisition of real property with buildings to be used for campus purposes, whether the acquisition of the real property interest is by gift, purchase, or lease, and conversions of buildings that are to be used for campus purposes.



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Sec. 2 Principles - The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors and to maintain compliance with the codes and standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal as authorized in Texas Administrative Code Title 28, Section 34.303 and Texas Government Code Section 417.008.



# UTS135 Life Safety Assessment

- **Acquisition or Conversion of Buildings for Campus Purpose** - A Life Safety Assessment shall be performed before a decision is made by an institution to acquire real property
- **Conversion of Building for Different Use** - A Life Safety Assessment may need to be performed when an institution proposes to convert a building that is currently used for campus purposes to a different use that is also for campus purposes.



# UTS135 Life Safety Assessment

- Last or current occupancy type
- Historic changes in occupancy
- Approximate age and general use
- Special hazards or processes
- Previous fire history
- Results of previous fire safety inspections
- Previous city or jurisdictional code violations
- Fire safety equipment (original or additional)
- Functionality and general condition of all fire and life safety features that may be considered inherent to the structure
- Maintenance record (if available)



# UTS135 – Out of State Property

- 12.1 Ensure the property meets all applicable fire and life safety codes as required in this policy. OR
- 12.2 Ensure the property has been issued a certificate of occupancy by the local jurisdiction
  - Inspected under an accepted building or fire code as determined by the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office.
  - Review all of the latest inspection and maintenance records for all critical infrastructure (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural)
  - and reports for all life safety systems present on the property and ensure they are all current.





# UTS135 – Residential Property and Apartments

- 13.1 Ensure the property meets all applicable fire and life safety codes as required in this policy. OR
- 13.2 Ensure the property has been issued a certificate of occupancy by the local jurisdiction
  - Inspected under an accepted building or fire code as determined by the Texas State Fire Marshal’s Office.
  - Review all of the latest inspection and maintenance records for all critical infrastructure (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and structural)
  - and reports for all life safety systems present on the property and ensure they are all current.



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