

Integration and Coordination of Fire Strategies

Construction Phase





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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Fire strategies are developed with varying degrees of information and detail for specific system requirements dependant on the type of project. Often times there will be a gap of information between the strategy, the design of the systems to meet the strategy, the installation of systems by the various contractors, and the actual operation and maintenance by the building operators. Some examples for fire safety systems include:

- Has there been coordination with the life safety and the other disciplines
- Has that strategy been clearly written for the contractor to implement the strategy – example cause and effect strategy/matrix with associated strategy and intent
- Was there coordination on site to validate between the associated disciplines



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Learning Objectives

- 1. Fire and Life safety concepts summary
- 2. Key design aspects critical during construction
- 3. Coordination during construction

The purpose of this presentation is to convey technical knowledge to the conference participants.

The presentation also contains slides with text that summarises the content of the presentation and the main learning objectives.

These may be used to update CPD records for relevant organisations including the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS - PROCESS

Objective – Protect Life Of Building Occupant

Determine Basis of Design

- Codes and Standards
- Best Practice Engineering

Develop Fire Strategy

- Design Team Coordination
- Authority Approvals

Site Implementation

- Contractors
- Site Team



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS - GOVERNING CODES AND STANDARDS

- → Local codes
- → [General Requirements]
- International codes
- → Supporting standards
- → Best practice







FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS – FIRE RESISTANCE

 Structural resistance for stability during fire

Coordination:

- → Architect
- → Structural engineer





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS – FIRE RESISTANCE

 Compartmentation to mitigate fire spread

Coordination:

- → Architect
- Structural engineer
- → Mechanical engineer
- → Plumbing Engineer
- → Electrical Engineer





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS – MEANS OF EGRESS

→ Egress paths

Coordination:

→ Architect







FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS – MEANS OF EGRESS

→ People and Capacity

Coordination:

→ Architect





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCEPTS – ACTIVE SYSTEMS

- Sprinklers and active suppression
- → Fire Alarm
- Smoke control

Coordination:

- → Architect
- → Fire Protection Engineer
- → Electrical Engineer
- → Mechanical Engineer











SITE COORDINATION



COORDINATION – FIRE ALARM

 Code or strategy requires manual or automatic fire alarm





COORDINATION – FIRE ALARM GENERAL

- Upon fire alarm activation occupants
- Occupants evacuate





- → Upon fire alarm activation
- Occupants evacuate
- Adjacent zones evacuate
- Smoke control system activates
- Doors open for make up air
- Ventilation system shuts down
- Fire shutters activate
- Any background music shuts off





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- Alarm Communication
- Building Fire command center if available
- Fire Department/ Civil Defence
- Central Station (monitored location)







- → Fire Strategy
- Should include the cause and effect strategy
- Coordination with the design team
- Contractor develops matrix
- Design team reviews matrix

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COORDINATION – FIRE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES COORDINATION

- → Installation
- Sensitive components and cables
- Installation sequence to mitigate potential damage from other system installs





COORDINATION – FIRE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES

- Building services coordination
- Design drawings not fully coordinated
- Last items to be installed are sprinklers and other systems
- Lack of space for fire systems which need to be prioritized
- Ensure during the design that as a minimum, fire services routing is understood





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COORDINATION – FIRE SYSTEMS AND SERVICES COORDINATION

- → Interior fit out coordination
- Changes in design
- Systems not fit for purpose



Fire strategy requirement for fire rated wall

What types of construction do you use, do you take advantage of inherent construction such as concrete walls





Fire strategy requirement for fire rated wall

Specification of gypsum board

The architect has to have a good understanding of their intent and input the fire strategy into their design





 \rightarrow Fire stropping of penetrations

How do penetrations get addressed

A point which should have more focus during design

All disciplines involved should understand the number and types of penetrations





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- Fire strategies should be coordinated during design with each discipline
- It is beneficial to identify from the start which disciplines are affected by the fire strategy
- → Systems designers should prioritize space planning for fire systems
- → For complex buildings, it is in the best interest of the project to maintain a fire consultant during construction

