



Fact Sheet on: Accessing NFPA Publications

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How Do I Access NFPA Publications and the Life Safety Code (LSC)

Q. How do I access National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code?

NFPA membership is not required to either purchase or view NFPA codes online; the main NFPA website is: www.nfpa.org.

There are a couple of ways to access the information:

1. On the opening page a user can click on "NFPA Codes and Standards" and then on the left side of the screen click on "Document Info Pages – List of Codes and Standards, then scroll down the list of NFPA standards to "NFPA 101" which is the Life Safety Code; or
2. The specific page where the NFPA Life Safety Code can be viewed as an online document is: <http://www.nfpa.org/aboutthecodes/AboutTheCodes.asp?DocNum=101>
Please note that the user must choose the edition of the Life Safety Code that they want to view. OSFM currently has adopted and enforces the 2000 edition and is planning to propose, via administrative rule change, adopting the 2012 edition.

The site will ask the user to "register" by entering an email address and self-chosen password however, there is no charge to do this and once entered, that registration and password will allow access to all of the NFPA standards online. The documents are "Read Only" and they cannot be printed, copied or saved. They can only be viewed online.

Q. How do local authorities get a free updated edition of the LSC?

Once the rule update is finalized, the OSFM will be meeting with the NFPA to set up free training for local authorities at various locations in Illinois. Free copies of the code will be available to those representing a local authority and attend the training. Every attempt will be made to have training available within an hour's drive and will be announced once set.

Additional copies of the LSC can always be purchased at www.nfpa.org.