



EDINA FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU		POLICY NUMBER 0002
SUBJECT No Smoking at Commercial Construction Sites		REVISION NUMBER 1
CODE REFERENCE MSFC 1404.1	APPROVAL Thomas Jenson Fire Marshal	EFFECTIVE DATE May 11, 2004
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Scope: This policy shall apply to structures in the course of construction, alteration, or demolition, including those in underground locations.

Purpose: Prevent unwanted fires from discarded smoking materials when buildings are most vulnerable.

1. Per the 2003 Minnesota State Fire Code (MSFC) Section 1404.1, Precautions Against Fire During Construction and Demolition, SMOKING shall be prohibited at all construction sites except in designated smoking areas approved by the Edina Fire Prevention Bureau.
2. Per the MSFC Section 310.3, approved NO SMOKING signs shall be posted throughout the construction site. Signs shall not be obscured, removed, defaced, mutilated or destroyed.
3. Where smoking is permitted, suitable noncombustible ash trays or match receivers shall be provided. Burning objects shall not be discarded in a manner that could cause ignition of other combustible material.

This constitutes your first and only warning. Review this policy with all of your employees immediately. Any employee found violating this policy shall be issued a citation per the 2003 MSFC Section 109.3. A violation of this section of the fire code is a misdemeanor. If we cannot determine which employee was smoking, a citation shall be issued to the construction superintendent.

A large number of commercial buildings (Southdale Shopping Center, Galleria Mall, Office Buildings) in our city are under a constant state of remodeling while occupied by many other tenants and the public. During different stages of remodeling, fire suppression and fire detection devices are taken out of service. One smoldering cigarette at the end of the workday could create a disaster in a tenant space not protected by fire sprinklers or smoke detectors. This type of fire would go undetected and potentially spill over into other tenant spaces. The Edina Fire Prevention Bureau is taking a proactive stance on this subject in an attempt to prevent this type of disaster from occurring. If you have any questions, please contact us at 952.826.0378.