

**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

The Arizona State Fire Code requires the submittal of plans for any new construction, remodeling, alterations or additions to state and county buildings along with public, charter and private schools.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal must review the construction plans of ALL occupancy types in areas without a locally adopted Fire Code for compliance with the State Fire Code except residential dwellings of less than five units. When a local jurisdiction has an agreement with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, plans only need to be submitted to the local jurisdiction.

Pursuant to A.R.S.§§ 34-461D and 34-462, state owned buildings and Community College buildings must comply with the locally adopted Fire Prevention Codes which supplement, or are more stringent than, the State Fire Code. State owned and Community College buildings may be subject to the dual review of the State Fire Marshal and the local jurisdiction with regard to fire safety issues. Other public buildings may be subjected to a dual review as well.

**NOTE: NO construction shall commence until project plans have been reviewed, approved, and a state permit has been issued.** Construction without a permit shall receive a Red Tag/Immediate Stop Work Order. A Stop Work Order will not be lifted until a Permit is issued and the contractor has paid a Re-inspection fee.

The State Fire Code requires that fire apparatuses be provided access to every facility, building or portion of a building that is constructed, moved or remodeled when any portion of the exterior wall of the first story of a building is in excess of 150ft from a point on the access lane. When access cannot be provided, the State Fire Marshal may require the installation of additional fire protection features.

**Fire Access Roads must meet the following minimum requirements:**

1. The distance shall be measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building.
2. When the building is completely protected with an approved Fire Sprinkler system the distance may be increased to 300ft with the approval of the Fire Marshal.
3. Full required access shall be provided prior to any combustible construction on a site.
4. Construction site fire access shall be identified by signs posted on the property and visible to the Fire Department. The local Fire jurisdiction shall be notified of the location of all fire access roads to a construction site.
5. Fire access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet.

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6. Fire access roads shall have an unobstructed clear height of 13 feet 6 inches.
7. Fire access roads shall be provided with an all-weather driving surface and be constructed to maintain and support the imposed load of fire apparatus. Specifications must be provided with plans.
8. Fire access road shall have a maximum grade of not more than 15%
9. Fire access roads in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with approved provisions for the turning around of fire apparatus. Specifications must be provided with plans.
10. Approved fire access roads shall be identified with red painted curbs.
11. All required fire access roads shall have approved signs designating the access lane at both the beginning and end of the road and shall be spaced at a distance not to exceed 75ft. Signs shall be clearly visible and affixed to a stationary pole or object facing in the direction of oncoming traffic.
12. Signs designating fire access roads shall be a minimum of 12" x 18" with red letters on a white background stating: **Fire lane, No parking by order of the State Fire Marshal.**
13. Payments may be made by cash or check made out to "The Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety" for the estimated permit fee amount

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