



9.1.11 Fire-Rated Enclosures

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I. Purpose

To establish prior approval requirements for any work to be performed in fire-rated enclosures.

II. Scope

This policy applies to external contractors, Facilities Management, Information Management Services (IMS), repair personnel/vendors, their supervisors (including outside contractors), and other individuals performing wall or floor Penetration work in Fire-Rated Enclosures.

III. Policy

The fire-rated areas within UT Health San Antonio facilities provide services critical to the strategic mission of UT Health San Antonio.

- A. Any action that may significantly affect the integrity of a Fire-Rated Enclosure must be reviewed by Facilities Management personnel prior to beginning any work.
- B. All existing Penetrations into Fire-Rated Enclosures must be resealed or corrected using accepted procedures and methods in accordance with the sketches and specifications available from the Design and Engineering division of Facilities Management.
- C. New Penetrations into fire-rated enclosures must be reviewed by Facilities Management prior to and following the penetration work.
- D. The supervisor in the requesting department is required to verify compliance with this policy prior to beginning a project within a Fire-Rated Enclosure. The supervisor is to consult with the Design and Engineering division or the Director/Assistant Director of Construction and Project Management (or their designated representative) in Facilities Management to ensure work is completed as required by this policy.

IV. Definitions

When used in this document with initial capital letter(s), the following words have the meaning set forth below unless a different meaning is required by context.

Fire-Rated Enclosure – refers to a structure with a fire resistance rating approved by the authority having jurisdiction that is designed and maintained to prevent the passage of smoke and fire. Examples include stairs, mechanical rooms, elevator hoistways, utility shafts, corridor walls, and return air plenum.

Penetration – an opening in a fire-rated enclosure that includes penetration of pipes, conduits, ducts, cables, pneumatic tubes, and similar building services.

V. Related References

There are no related documents associated with this Policy.

VI. Review and Approval History

- A. The approving authority of this policy is the University Executive Committee.
- B. The review frequency cycle is set for three years following the last review date, a time period that is not mandated by regulatory, accreditation, or other authority.

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