

## Fire Safety: Nursing Homes Must Have Sprinkler Systems By 2013, CMS Says.

Long-term care facilities must install sprinkler systems on or before August 13, 2013 in compliance with the 1999 edition of the National Fire Prevention Association's (NFPA) *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems* and maintain them in compliance with NFPA's 1998 publication *Standard for the Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Prevention Systems*.

Many states' licensing laws and/or building codes already require sprinkler systems.

We have placed CMS's eighteen-page August 13, 2008 Federal Register announcement on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/firesafety2008.pdf>. The new regulations appear at the very end of the document on Federal Register pages 47091-47092.

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Pages 47075 – 47092.