



# Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department Office of the Fire Marshal

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Guidelines and Specifications For:

## Risk Classification for Routine Inspection Frequency

### Applicable Codes and Standards:

VSFPC - Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (2018)

NFPA 1730 – Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations (2019)

<b>General</b>		<b>Code Section</b>
The Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to conduct inspections as are deemed necessary to determine the extent of compliance with the Fire Prevention Code.		VSFPC 106.3
Routine inspection of existing buildings should be conducted in accordance with the associated Risk Classification assigned. Routine inspections should not be conducted in dwelling units and farm structures.		VSFPC 109.1 NFPA 1730, 6.7
The assignment of Risk Classifications for routine inspections should generally follow the following occupancy classifications and other criteria:		NFPA 1730, 6.7
<b>Risk Classification</b>	<b>Occupancy Classification</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>
High	A (Assembly) E (Educational) H (High Hazard) I (Institutional) R-1 (Hotels/Motels) R-4 (Group Homes) Fire Prevention Code Permit Facilities	Annual
Moderate	F-1 (Factories/Manufacturing) M (Mercantile/Stores) R-2 (Apartments) S-1 (Combustible Storage/Warehouses)	Biennial
Low	B (Business Office/Professional Services) F-2 (Low-hazard Factories/Manufacturing) S-2 (Non-combustible Storage)	Triennial
Other	R-3//R-5 (Dwellings Units) U (Miscellaneous) Farm Structures	As needed / Complaint Based (not routine)