

## Policy on Fire Protection System Impairment

<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Policy on Fire Protection System Impairment</b>
<b>Policy #</b>	02.106.1
<b>Policy Owner</b>	Coordinator, Alarm Services
<b>Contact Information</b>	Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Coordinator, Alarm Services at (401) 874-2010
<b>Approved By</b>	Senior Leadership Team
<b>Effective Date</b>	July 23, 2018
<b>Next Review Date</b>	No later than June 30, 2020
<b>Who Needs to Know About this Policy</b>	All University employees. University contractors and vendors are required to comply with the provisions of this policy.
<b>Definitions</b>	<p><b>Authority Having Jurisdiction.</b> The Rhode Island State Fire Marshal's office and/or entities to whom authority is delegated for administration and enforcement of the state fire code as permitted by Section 1.7.5.</p> <p><b>Concealed Impairment.</b> Occurs when a fire protection system or device is left out of service or removed from service by an unauthorized person (by malfeasance or negligence) and without URI Alarm Services being aware of the situation.</p> <p><b>Emergency Impairment.</b> Occurs when an unexpected event impairs the normal function of the fire protection system (ex. a section of frozen sprinkler piping bursts).</p> <p><b>Fire Watch.</b> The assignment of a person or persons to an area for the express purpose of notifying the fire department, the building occupants, or both of an emergency; preventing a fire from occurring; extinguishing small fires; or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers.</p> <p><b>Impairment.</b> A situation in which any fire protection system, alarm or detection device is removed from service, either partially or completely, including both planned and emergency outages of the system or devices.</p> <p><b>Impairment Coordinator.</b> The individual designated as having authority over all Impairments on URI property. The URI Coordinator of Alarm Services shall be designated for this purpose in accordance with Section 13.3.3.6 of the state fire code.</p> <p><b>Planned Impairment.</b> A scheduled Impairment, usually related to maintenance or modification of an existing fire protection system.</p>

<b>Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing or Necessitating This Policy</b>	State of Rhode Island, Fire Safety Code
<b>Reason for Policy/Purpose</b>	To minimize the probability of fire or explosion and resulting loss of life and property during occasions when a fire protection system is disabled in whole or in part for any reason.
<b>Forms Related to this Policy</b>	Fire Protection System Impairment Form

## Policy Statement

As the University's designated Impairment Coordinator the Coordinator, Alarm Services shall have authority over any fire protection system Impairment on all University property. The Coordinator, Alarm Services shall be notified immediately of any Concealed or Emergency Impairments upon their discovery and shall authorize any Planned Impairments at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

When a fire protection system is impaired, the Coordinator, Fire & Life Safety shall determine Fire Watch requirements in accordance with the Policy on Fire Watches and applicable provisions of the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code

## Exceptions

None

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