

Policy on Fire Protection System Impairment

Policy Title	Policy on Fire Protection System Impairment
Policy #	02.106.2
Policy Owner	Director of Public Safety
Contact Information	Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Director Public Safety at (401) 874-4910
Approved By	Administrative Policy Committee
Effective Date	June 6, 2023
Next Review Date	No later than June 30, 2028
Who Needs to Know About this Policy	All University employees. University contractors and vendors are required to comply with the provisions of this policy.
Definitions	<p>Authority Having Jurisdiction. 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 of the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code.</p> <p>Concealed Impairment. Occurs when a fire protection system or device is left out of service or removed from service through malfeasance or negligence, or by an unauthorized person, without the knowledge of URI Alarm Services.</p> <p>Emergency Impairment. Occurs when an unexpected event impairs the normal function of the fire protection system (for example, when a section of frozen sprinkler piping bursts).</p> <p>Fire Watch. The assignment of a person(s) 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>Impairment. A situation in which any fire protection system or 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>Impairment Coordinator. The individual designated as having authority over all Impairments on University of Rhode Island property in accordance with Section 13.3.3.6 of the Rhode Island State Fire Safety Code.</p> <p>Planned Impairment. A scheduled Impairment, usually related to maintenance or modification of an existing fire protection system.</p>

Statutes, Regulations, and Policies Governing or Necessitating This Policy	State of Rhode Island, Fire Safety Code
Reason for Policy/Purpose	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.
Forms Related to this Policy	Fire Protection System Impairment Form

Policy Statement

As the University of Rhode Island's designated Impairment Coordinator, the Coordinator, of, Alarm Services shall have authority over any fire protection system Impairment on all University of Rhode Island property. The Coordinator of, 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 of Fire & Life Safety shall determine Fire Watch requirements in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Rhode Island Fire Safety Code

Exceptions

None

Policy Review and Revisions

(Versions earlier than the first policy number may be paper only)

Policy #	Effective Date	Reason for Change	Changes to Policy
02.106.1	July 23, 2018	n/a	n/a
02.106.2	June 6, 2023	Scheduled Review	Policy owner changed to Dir. Public Safety; Changes to text for clarity