



Corona Fire Department

Fire Watch Requirements Guideline per 2025 California Fire Code

PURPOSE

The intent of this guideline is to provide the details necessary for the required fire watch when fire protection systems are impaired, or when required during construction and/or demolition, within City of Corona. The Fire Chief may waive any of these requirements upon receipt of alternate methods and materials that meet the intent of these standards.

SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to any structure or fire protection system that is temporarily impaired. A properly functioning fire protection system is required to ensure the safety of life and property. In accordance with the 2022 California Fire Code, Section 901.7, and Section 3305.5, ***an approved fire watch shall be provided until the fire protection system has been returned to full service.***

DEFINITION

Fire Watch (CFC 3303.5)

A temporary measure intended to ensure continuous and systematic surveillance of a building or portion thereof by one or more qualified individuals for the purposes of identifying and controlling fire hazards, detecting early signs of unwanted fire, raising an alarm of fire and notifying the fire department.

REQUIREMENTS

Any structure containing a fire protection system that is “out of service” or is otherwise impaired, shall provide fire watch.

1. Fire Watch shall be provided for any/all of the following systems:
 - a. Fire Alarm System
 - b. Water Flow Monitoring System
 - c. Automatic Fire Sprinkler System
 - d. Other Fire Protection System (underground, kitchen suppression, etc.)
2. Fire watch personnel shall be provided with at least one approved means of notification to the City of Corona Fire Department Fire/Police Dispatch; (951) 736-2330; option 2, or 911 for emergencies.
3. The only duty to be performed by fire watch personnel shall be to constantly patrol the protected premises and keep watch for fires.
4. If an outside company is contracted to conduct the required fire watch, a copy of the service agreement shall be provided to the Fire Prevention Division.
5. A list of the names of personnel who will be responsible for conducting the fire watch, along with their appointed times shall be provided to the Fire Prevention Division.
6. Fire watch shall be conducted on a 24-hour basis until the system is fully restored.
7. Failure to comply with the requirement to provide fire watch will result in administrative citation and may be referred to the City Attorney.
8. The system noted shall be restored no less than 15 days from the date of the initial inspection.