

## Multi-storey buildings policy

This policy describes the requirements for NZFS personnel when attending fire incidents at multi-storey buildings.

This policy must be read alongside the *Guidelines for Operational Policies and Procedures*, and any local procedures that have been developed for your Area.

<b>Definition</b>	<p>A multi-storey building is a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building of six floors or more, taken from the lowest point of Fire Service access, or</li> <li>• a building in which a riser system has been fitted.</li> </ul>
<b>When to apply</b>	<p>NZFS personnel will follow the requirements of this policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• during fire incidents involving multi-storey buildings</li> <li>• at other incidents where the OIC determines that there is an operational benefit.</li> </ul>
<b>What to do</b>	<p>During fire incidents involving multi-storey buildings, NZFS personnel will follow the procedures in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>S1 SOP Multi-storey buildings procedure</i> NZFS</li> <li>• any local procedures that have been developed for their Area.</li> </ul>
<b>Local procedures</b>	<p>Area Management may develop local procedures for multi-storey fire incidents if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first alarm attendance is greater than two pumps, or</li> <li>• there is an identified need, for a specific building or complex.</li> </ul> <p>Local procedures may provide more detail regarding response. These will not contradict the national policy and procedure (<i>S1 POP</i> and <i>SOP</i>), however tasks and roles may be allocated differently to the national policy and procedure if appropriate, as resources available will differ.</p> <p>In Areas where local procedures have been signed off by the Area Manager, these must be used in conjunction with the national procedure.</p>
<b>Site reports</b>	<p>Site reports for multi-storey buildings will follow the requirements described in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>S1 SOP Multi-storey buildings procedure</i></li> <li>• <i>RD2 Operational planning</i> (policy, procedure and guide).</li> </ul>
<b>Firefighting strategy and tactics</b>	<p>Firefighting strategy and tactics for multi-storey buildings are described in the <i>Command and control technical manual (M1 TM)</i>.</p>



<b>Pre-determined attendance</b>	<p>Pre-determined attendances (PDAs) for non-sprinklered multi-storey buildings will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identified by Area Managers</li> <li>• approved by Fire Region Managers.</li> </ul>
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## Key personnel and roles

<b>OIC Fire</b>	<p>The OIC Fire has responsibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring that <i>S1 POP Multi-storey buildings policy, S1 SOP Multi-storey buildings procedure, and any signed off local procedures</i> are followed at fire incidents in multi-storey buildings</li> <li>• considering using the procedures described in <i>S1 SOP Multi-storey buildings procedure</i> when attending incidents where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- external firefighting is limited, or not possible</li> <li>- there is a significant distance between the fire and the nearest practicable external command point.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>Area Managers</b>	<p>Area Managers have responsibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensuring that site reports are prepared for multi-storey buildings, following the requirements described in this policy</li> <li>• developing and authorising local multi-storey procedures where required.</li> </ul>
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## Related documents

The following documents provide information relevant to this policy:

- *S1 SOP Multi-storey buildings procedure*
- *S1 GD Guide to fire incidents in multi-storey buildings*
- *M1 POP Command and control policy*
- *M1 SOP Command and control procedure*
- *M1 TM Command & control technical manual (CAC-1)*
- *RD2 POP Operational planning policy*
- *RD2 SOP Operational planning procedure*
- *M2-4 POP Sprinklered building investigation response policy*
- *M2-4 SOP Sprinklered building investigation response procedure*
- *R3 POP Working at heights and line rescue policy*
- *BA-rg Breathing apparatus reference guide.*

## Record of amendments

Date	Brief description of amendment
July 14	Reference to <i>IS2 Working at heights policy</i> updated to <i>R3 POP Working at heights and line rescue policy</i> .

March 2016	Reference to <i>E3-2 TM Breathing apparatus technical manual</i> replaced with <i>BA-rg Breathing apparatus reference guide</i> to bring procedure into line with latest control procedures.
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