Fireguard Requirements

In any occupancy, where a required fire protection system is Out of Service, a fire watch shall be maintained. Fire watch can be maintained by one or more persons holding an F-01 Certificate of Fitness. The Fireguard(s) is required to be immediately available when the system is Out of Service with the following exception:

For the initial 4 hours of a planned or unplanned Out of Service condition, when the coverage area does not exceed 50,000 sq. ft., the Impairment Coordinator or a trained and knowledgeable personal who is capable of performing fire watch duties may perform the duties of fire watch.

Fireguards are required for impairments of any of the following systems:

a. Sprinkler System
b. Standpipe System
c. Fire Alarm

A Fireguard can cover multiple floors as long as the coverage area does not exceed 50,000 sq. ft. and all coverage areas can be patrolled with 1 hour. If coverage area exceeds 50,000 sq. ft. an additional Fireguard is required.

Building with Approved Sprinkler System, During Construction:

When there is a functioning TCSP (Temporary Core Sprinkler Protection):

a. Detectors (Heat, Smoke, Duct) may be disabled (disconnected)
b. Manual Pull Stations must always remain In-Service
c. Leave as many notification devices as practical in-service to provide adequate coverage of the floor
d. Sprinkler System can only be placed Out Of Service (Drained or Valve Closed) when work is being performed on that sprinkler system

Note: No Fireguard is required after an approved and functioning TCSP system has been installed