Fire & Life Safety Codes & Standards Used in the Middle East

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Key Points:

– NFPA Brief

– Adopted and used fire & life safety codes and standards

– Effective conformity programs being implemented

– Training & building a professional development plan

– Enhancing safety and the quality of life for the Middle East
NFPA is a non-governmental membership organization founded in 1896.

The mission of NFPA is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.
More than 80,000 members
Members from 100 countries
HQ in the Boston area, USA
International Offices: Canada, Mexico, France, China, and UAE
NFPA’s 300 safety codes and standards influence everything in the built environment:

- Designs
- Commissioning
- Fire Prevention
- Installations
- Maintenance
- Fire Fighting
Five Examples of NFPA Codes & Standards
World’s Leading Advocate of Fire Prevention

NFPA 1: Fire Code presents a comprehensive, integrated approach to fire code regulation and hazard management.
NFPA 13®: Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems advances how sprinkler system designers, installers, maintainers, and AHJs can safeguard people and property against fire.
NFPA 72®: National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code is today's source for the installation, testing, and maintenance of fire alarm and emergency communications systems, including mass notification systems.
Authoritative Source on Life Safety

NFPA 101®: Life Safety Code establishes minimum requirements for new and existing buildings to protect building occupants from fire.
National Fire Protection Association
The authority on fire, life, electrical, and building safety

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Adopted Fire & Life Safety Codes and Standards

- Highest quality technical information
- Open consensus process
- Globally recognized
- Locally adapted
- Partnership for implementation
Leadership by the Authority

- A clear direction for the market has been set
- Minimizing confusion & uncertainty
- Maximizing consistency & certainty
- Leveraging a global partner
- Implementing intelligently & effectively underway
Building codes & standards used in the region

- Expanding building and infrastructure projects
- Clear direction established
- Removed conflicting technical requirements
- The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
- Regional, country, local
- Qatar
  - Civil Defence
  - Private Sector

- UAE
  - Civil Defence
  - Private Sector

- KSA
  - Civil Defence
  - Private Sector

- Engineering firms
  - Design
  - Architectural

- Financial Sector

- Transportation

- Petrochemical

- Manufacturing/Suppliers
  - Products
  - Systems & Services
Conformity Programs

- Implementation plan
- People educated and informed
- Programs in place and functioning
- Products validated by recognized standards
- Enforcement & laws
- Operations and maintenance
Without Conformity Programs

- Lack of educated professionals
- Lack of capacity building
- Lack of consistency and direction
- Low quality products and services
- Confusion & conflict in the market
Training & Building

a Professional Development Plan
Committed to professional development

- NFPA offers certification programs, such as CFPS, CFI I & II, and CFPE

- NFPA offers a comprehensive fire protection & life safety certificate program

- Instructed by NFPA employees and other globally recognized experts
NFPA Training Programs, such as:
NFPA 101, 13, 72, 1
(1) Certificates of Attendance
(2) Certificates of Educational Achievements

NFPA Certification Program include
(1) CFI I & II – Certified Fire Inspector
(2) CFPE – Certified Fire Plan Examiner
(3) CFPS – Certified Fire Protection Specialist
Enhancing Safety for the Middle East Citizens and Visitors
• Leadership from the authority (AHJs)
• Selection of fire and life safety codes & standards
• Implementation of conformity programs
• Education
• Enforcement
• Maintenance
• Constant quality improvements

Enhanced safety and quality of life for Middle East!
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