

FIRE

Fire is more devastating than water but will result in water damage. Eliminate any potential for accidental or mechanical fires. Fires are most likely to occur during construction and remodeling projects.

Look for:

- Extension cords
- Excessive loading of the electrical system. This is especially true in older buildings.
- Remove storage from stairwells.
- Are collections or old records stored in fire exits?
- Do the backup lights work?
 - Are they checked regularly?
 - Do they illuminate the appropriate areas in the building to permit exit during a disaster?
- Are the emergency exit signs visible?
- Do emergency exit doors open?
- Do emergency exit alarms work?
- Where do the fire and emergency exit alarms ring?
- Fire suppression
 - What type of smoke detection is in the collections and storage areas?
 - What type of sprinklers are in the building?
 - What type of sprinkler heads are present?
 - If Halon is the prevalent fire suppression system, what is the backup system?
- Are flammable chemicals stored in fireproof cabinets?