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Inspectors & Inspections

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Recent changes to the state requirements for inspectors.

As of September 1, 2011, anyone performing code enforcement must be a TCFP certified inspector. See [HB 3866](#) of the 81st legislative session for details about this change. This new requirement *does not* include those performing pre-fire planning, but *does* include those performing code inspection and enforcement tasks. This is a change that will impact all departments and fire marshal offices in the state so check it out and contact us with any questions you might have.

Below are some linked resources that will help both types of inspectors—those doing pre-fire planning and those doing code enforcement.

Performing pre-fire planning

[PRE-INCIDENT & FIRE SAFETY SURVEYS](#)

[PRE-INCIDENT SURVEY INSPECTIONS](#)

[NFPA 1620](#) Standard for Pre-Incident Planning (Includes process and physical site considerations, as well as information collection cards and sample forms.)

[How to Apply NFPA 1620 to Pre-Incident Planning | FIRE CHIEF](#)
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And more specifically...[Overcoming Challenges to Scene Access - Fire Engineering](#)

Performing code enforcement

[ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING FOR INSPECTORS](#)

[CONDUCTING BASIC FIRE INSPECTIONS](#)

We recently updated our curriculum collection with resources appropriate for those getting certified as Inspectors. If you can visit our offices in Austin, you're free to borrow these, along with anything else in our print collection. Contact us to see if they are available:

- Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Manual (7th ed)
- Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Manual (7th ed.) Curriculum on CDROM
- Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Study Guide (7th ed)
- Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Study Guide (7th ed) on CDROM

The NFPA is currently working on [NFPA 1730: Standard on Organization and Deployment of Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Fire Investigation, and Public Education Operations to the Public](#). Stay tuned to their website for more information.

For assistance in choosing training materials, or to make recommendations for additions to the library, please contact Laura Bucaro, the commission librarian at (512) 936-3833, via e-mail at library@tcfp.state.tx.us, or visit the [Emerson Library](#) at the commission's headquarters facility during regular business hours.



Avoid Injury!

Check out our new blog to learn about the injuries being reported to us & learn what you can do to [Avoid Injury!](#)

In August the blog focused on the environmental injuries that have been reported and in September we'll be focusing on strains & sprains.

We want to hear from you too, so don't hesitate to comment!