

Public Buildings Law

§ 140. Fire and emergency protection in public buildings. 1. It shall be the duty of each superintendent or chief executive officer of each of the public institutions and buildings of the state, supported wholly or partly by the funds of the state, to provide that the following regulations for the protection of the inmates of said buildings and the buildings be complied with: There shall be provided a sufficient number of stand-pipes, with connections or outlets on each floor, and sufficient fire hose to properly protect the entire floor surface. Sufficient portable fire extinguishers shall be provided on each floor of each building to provide adequate fire protection. All fire hose shall be inspected under the direction of the engineer at least once every six months and shall be maintained at all times in proper condition. On each floor of every public building having two or more stories where the rooms are connected by an interior hallway, there shall be posted by each stairway, elevator or other means of egress, a printed scale floor plan of that particular story, which shall show all means of egress, clearly labeling those to be used in case of fire. Such posted floor plan shall clearly indicate exits which would be accessible for a person having a disability, as such term is defined in subdivision twenty-one of section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law. Such floor plan shall be posted in at least two other conspicuous areas through the building. Said floor plan shall be no smaller than eight inches by ten inches and shall be posted in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed. Unless exit doors at floor level are provided at fire escapes suitable steps must be provided under other openings used as exits to fire escapes which are not at floor level. Painters' supplies and inflammable liquids of all kinds must not be stored in buildings occupied by wards of the state or employees. All attics and basements must be constantly kept free from rubbish or articles not necessary to the proper conduct of the institution or building, and must be regularly swept, cleaned and all broken or needless articles promptly removed.

2. Subject to regulations promulgated pursuant to this subdivision, it shall be an additional duty of each such superintendent or chief executive officer of each of the public institutions and buildings of the state to equip each such building with an automated external defibrillator. The commissioner of general services shall promulgate regulations providing for a phase-in schedule of the duty created by this section. Such regulations shall address the appropriate number of automated external defibrillators for such buildings, based on the size or occupancy of the buildings; the training of personnel and use of such automated external defibrillator; and any other matter deemed necessary by such commissioner to effectuate the duty prescribed by this section.

3. The moneys necessary to carry out the provisions of this section shall be supplied from the moneys annually appropriated for the maintenance of the above described institutions.