

Chapter 51-54A WAC
STATE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE ((2018)) 2021
EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE

WAC 51-54A-0403 **Emergency preparedness requirements.** ~~403.3.1~~

~~**Fire evacuation plan.** The fire safety and evacuation plan required by Section 404 shall include a description of special staff actions. This shall include a description for stabilizing patients in a staged evacuation or full evacuation in conjunction with the entire building, if part of a multitenant facility.~~

WAC 51-54A-0918 ~~Reserved~~ ~~**Alerting systems.**~~ ~~918.1 General.~~ An approved alerting system shall be provided in buildings and structures as required in Chapter 4 and this section, unless other requirements are provided by another section of this code.

EXCEPTION: Approved alerting systems in existing buildings, structures or occupancies.

~~**918.2 Power source.** Alerting systems shall be provided with power supplies in accordance with Section ((4.4.1)) 10.6 of NFPA 72 and circuit disconnecting means identified as "EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM."~~

EXCEPTION: Systems which do not require electrical power to operate.

~~**918.3 Duration of operation.** The alerting system shall be capable of operating under nonalarm condition (quiescent load) for a minimum of 24 hours and then shall be capable of operating during an emergency condition for a period of 15 minutes at maximum connected load.~~

~~**918.4 Combination system.** Alerting system components and equipment shall be allowed to be used for other purposes.~~

~~**918.4.1 System priority.** The alerting system use shall take precedence over any other use.~~

~~**918.4.2 Fire alarm system.** Fire alarm systems sharing components and equipment with alerting systems must be in accordance with Section ((6.8.4)) 23.8.4 of NFPA 72.~~

~~**918.4.2.1 Signal priority.** Recorded or live alert signals generated by an alerting system that shares components with a fire alarm system shall, when actuated, take priority over fire alarm messages and signals.~~

~~**918.4.2.2 Temporary deactivation.** Should the fire alarm system be in the alarm mode when such an alerting system is actuated, it shall temporarily cause deactivation of all fire alarm-initiated audible messages or signals during the time period required to transmit the alert signal.~~

~~**918.4.2.3 Supervisory signal.** Deactivation of fire alarm audible and visual notification signals shall cause a supervisory signal for each notification zone affected in the fire alarm system.~~

~~**918.5 Audibility.** Audible characteristics of the alert signal shall be in accordance with Section ((7.4.1)) 18.4.1 of NFPA 72 throughout the area served by the alerting system.~~

EXCEPTION: Areas served by approved visual or textual notification, where the visible notification appliances are not also used as a fire alarm signal (, are not required to be provided with audibility complying with Section 916.6).

~~**918.6 Visibility.** Visible and textual notification appliances shall be permitted in addition to alert signal audibility.~~

~~{Statutory Authority: RCW 19.27.031 and 19.27.074. WSR 20-01-162, § 51-54A-0918, filed 12/18/19, effective 7/1/20.}~~