

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Fire Prevention Division  
Operating Policy



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Subject: Haunted House Inspections  
Operating Policy

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Policy

Procedure

Directive

PURPOSE: To explain the Policy of the OSFM concerning occupancies operating as haunted houses within the State of Illinois.

GENERAL: The Office of the State Fire Marshal is committed to saving life and property from fire through regulation, inspection, investigation, training, and education.

In accordance with the Fire Investigation Act (425 ILCS 25), all local officers charged with the duty of investigating fires shall enforce NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2000 edition, chapters 12.4.7 and 13.4.7 in regards to occupancies operating as haunted houses within the State of Illinois.

It is the policy of this Office that, upon request, the Division of Fire Prevention shall, to the extent practicable, provide technical assistance to all local officers charged with the duty of inspecting or investigating those occupancies operating as haunted houses within the State of Illinois. The Division of Fire Prevention shall develop procedures for implementing this policy.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal shall not issue any variances or waivers to property owners of occupancies operating as haunted houses. The NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2000 edition shall be the minimum code utilized during the inspection of such occupancies.