

# SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT



DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND  
INVESTIGATION

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## IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR BUILDING OWNERS

Dear Building Owner,

In July 2017, Section 409 of the San Francisco Fire Code was amended by new legislation from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to assist building owners with the compliance requirements to provide updated fire safety and emergency egress information to their tenants. These laws, which have been incorporated into the San Francisco Fire Code, establish local requirements for owners of residential buildings. While the new legislation continues to promote fire and life safety, reduce the risk of fires, and prevent property damage from fires, it now offers building owners alternate formats and languages that may be used to better communicate with tenants while helping reduce their regulatory paperwork and building signage. Additionally, beginning January 1, 2018, the Fire Department will now provide informational videos promoting fire safety that building owners must offer tenants to watch annually in lieu of previously required in-person tenant training.

The existing and revised code requirements and their compliance dates are now available on the San Francisco Fire Department's website at [sf-fire.org](http://sf-fire.org) under the *Building Owner's-Fire Safety Requirements* link located on the homepage. On the site you will find the necessary forms, sample disclosure information for tenants, and other helpful information to assist you with compliance.

Please note that additional Board of Supervisors legislation (Ordinance #170870) was proposed and has recently been approved by the Land Use Committee modifying the San Francisco Fire Code, Section 1103.7.6.1. This revised code would now exempt mandatory seismic strengthening alterations that may have previously triggered the "sleeping area requirement" fire alarm upgrade in R-2 occupancies. If approved by the entire San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the code changes could be in effect as early as January 2018.

To view the full copy and current status of the legislation, please go to [sfgov.legistar.com](http://sfgov.legistar.com) and search Ord. #170870.

If you would like more information after visiting our website, please visit our office at 698 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Room 109, between 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday or call 415-558-3300. The San Francisco Fire Department-Bureau of Fire Prevention is available to answer your questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan DeCossio".

Dan DeCossio  
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