



# Fire Door Inspection Service

## An integral part of a building's safety system

*During everyday use, a fire door seems just like any other door. But when a fire occurs, these doors prevent fire from spreading from the area of origin to other protected areas within the building.*



UL's fire door inspection program helps property owners and code authorities confirm that existing fire doors remain code compliant and operational.

The NFPA 80 Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives regulates the installation and maintenance of assemblies and devices used to protect openings in walls, floors, and ceilings against the spread of fire and smoke within, into, or out of buildings. Section 5.2.1 requires fire door assemblies to be inspected and tested not less than annually, and that a written, signed record of the inspection be retained for review by the AHJ. This requirement recognizes that fire doors, shutters, and windows are of no value unless they are properly maintained and closed or are able to close at the time of fire.

NFPA 80 recommends that a periodic inspection and maintenance program be

implemented and is the responsibility of the property management.

The NFPA 101 Life Safety Code also requires certain doors in specified occupancies to be inspected and tested not less than annually, and the International Fire Code requires openings in required fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions to be maintained in accordance with NFPA 80.

These code requirements have led some building owners and facility managers to seek qualified, independent organizations such as UL to conduct detailed annual fire door inspections to determine if their buildings remain in compliance with the previously referenced code requirements.

Accordingly, UL established a fire door inspection program in which UL field representatives visit the respective location and conduct a detailed inventory and comprehensive inspection of all designated fire doors. The inspection is designed to determine compliance with all applicable NFPA 80 periodic inspection requirements.

At the conclusion, a report is provided with details about compliance and, if applicable, reasons for noncompliance. Inspection labels are placed on each compliant door to provide greater confidence to code authorities that fire doors have been inspected and comply with NFPA 80 criteria.

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