

# FIRE SPRINKLERS AND CHICAGO HIGH-RISES

## HERE ARE THE FACTS

### **Fact #1:**

Chicago now requires that almost all commercial high-rise buildings be retrofitted with fire sprinklers. One-third of each building must be sprinklered by 2009, with the second third completed by 2013. The entire building must be protected with a fire sprinkler system by January 1, 2017.

### **Fact #2:**

While the new high-rise ordinance excludes landmark and historical high-rise buildings, these buildings should also be retrofitted according to NFPA Life Safety Code 101 2000 Edition, adopted by the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal. The State's Life Safety Code requires existing high-rise buildings in excess of 75 feet in height be equipped with fire sprinkler systems.

### **Fact #3:**

Only fire sprinkler systems will meet the State's Life Safety Code requirements and can qualify for significant insurance savings.

### **Fact #4:**

All high-rise fire sprinkler system installations must be done by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor. The State of Illinois passed the Fire Sprinkler Contractors License Act last year, and it is enforced by the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

To find out more about the life-saving benefits of fire sprinklers,  
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