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Some may do no more than temporarily disrupt business operations; others may claim lives. Approximately , workplace fires occur annually in the United States. About workers are killed, and 5, workers are injured. Fire safety is always a hot topic. But if your organization is like many, interest tends to cool in the face of competing safety department priorities. This Compliance Report is packed with how-to information on fire prevention and response. You may find value in integrating fire response into overall emergency response capacity. Remember that the basic hazards are still the ones that cause the most fires. The overwhelming majority of workplace fires are the result of human behavior, not equipment failure. The good news is that about 85 percent of fires at work result from human behaviors, and 15 percent are attributed to equipment failure. That means an effective fire-prevention program can largely prevent catastrophic incidents at your place of business. However, you still need to remind employees about them: When waste material builds up, the danger of fire increases. Once an ignition source is present, scrap and trash provide the fuel the fire needs to grow. Excess dust or powder in the air from wood, plastic, metal, and other operations can cause an explosion if ignited. The tragic Imperial Sugar plant fire in resulted, in part, from release of sugar from improperly maintained dust-collection equipment. Improper handling, storage, or disposal of flammables used in production processes, as fuel sources, or for cleaning are a leading cause of workplace fires. Culprits include paper, cardboard, cloth, and wood or products made from them. Rags and other oil-soaked materials can spontaneously combust if left lying around. They should be stored in closed metal containers. Overloaded circuits and outlets, damaged wiring, defective switches, and damaged plugs are potential causes of electrical fires. Electric coffeemakers, toaster ovens, space heaters, and other appliances are also potential fire hazards. Fires can be caused by inadequately lubricated or cleaned equipment as well as mechanical defects. When employees try to defeat no-smoking policies, the results can be deadly. An incompletely extinguished cigarette butt carelessly tossed into a wastebasket or onto a warehouse floor can have disastrous consequences. Inspect all areas for hazards on a regular basis, and pay particular attention to places where fires are most likely to occur. Educate employees about the risks, and update them when new equipment or processes introduce new hazards. Provide the right fire extinguishers for the hazards in your work areas. Check regularly to make sure the devices are charged. Store materials safely, and keep storage areas well ventilated and free of ignition sources. Dispose of waste promptly and properly. Insist on good housekeeping practices to keep work areas clean and free of fire hazards. Make sure ventilation systems operate effectively to remove flammable vapors, combustible dusts, and powders from the air. Establish a regular maintenance schedule, and make sure it is followed. Regularly check electrical circuits, outlets, wires, and plugs. If small appliances are in use, make sure they are turned off at the end of the shift or workday. Enforce fire safety and prevention rules that includes no-smoking policies. Develop a discipline procedure for those who break the rules. Plans should be in writing, kept in the workplace, and available to employees for review. Employers with 10 or fewer workers may communicate the plan orally. A list of major workplace fire hazards, proper handling and storage procedures for hazardous materials, potential ignition sources and control, and type of fire protection equipment needed to control each major hazard. Names or job titles of employees responsible for maintaining equipment to prevent or control sources of ignition and fires. Names or job titles of employees responsible for controlling fuel source hazards. Procedures to control accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials. Procedures for regular maintenance of safeguards installed on heat-producing equipment to prevent accidental ignition of combustible materials. OSHA requires that when you assign employees to a job, you must inform them of any fire hazards they may be exposed to. And you must review the parts of the

fire-prevention plan necessary for their self-protection. Workers should be trained about what to do in a fire emergency. If you want them to evacuate, you must train them on escape routes. If you expect them to use fire-fighting devices, give them appropriate equipment and train them to use it safely. The agency does not require employers to provide portable fire extinguishers. However, those who do, and who expect employees to use them, must provide hands-on training. OSHA considers fixed fire-extinguishing systems the most reliable fire-fighting tools. Such equipment detects fires, sounds an alarm, and sends water to the heat and fire. Specific regulations are required for these systems. The nonprofit organization, which was established in , develops codes and standards, conducts research, and provides training and education. Solomon leads a team of engineers who develop and update NFPA codes, conduct fire investigations, and are involved in emergency and nonemergency movement of building occupants. The work leads Solomon into interesting areas like the height of guardrails at baseball stadiums and crowd management in retail stores. When it comes to workplace fire safety, Solomon says several things can fall through the cracks. Refresher training should include basics like sounding the actual building fire alarm so workers know what it sounds like, and identifying the two closest exits. Solomon reminds employers to encourage workers on the upper levels of high rises to occasionally walk down 8 or 10 flights of stairs, recognizing that they may have to walk down 50 or more floors during an actual emergency. The problem with it, for example, is that sometimes a buddy assigned to assist a worker with disabilities may be working on a different floor or traveling at the time of the emergency. An NFPA emergency evacuation planning guide provides alternate strategies for managers, HR and safety staff, and those with disabilities. It and other materials are available on the NFPA website at www. At least once a year, employees should be instructed on the plan. Drills should periodically be conducted as practical. Solomon is a big believer that drills should include the element of surprise. In large buildings, a few employees on each floor or work area may be designated as fire or floor wardens. Their duties may involve keeping a high-visibility vest and extra flashlights at their workspace and passing out bottles of water to people as they head for the stairs. Wardens are typically the last ones to leave the floor after ensuring that everyone is out. Solomon acknowledges a longstanding controversy around whether building occupants should fight an incipient early stage fire or flee the scene. Both might start in a trash can in an office. Training can be delivered in many waysâ€”even including video games created for the purpose. In the area of fire safety innovation, Solomon also points to a recently completed initiative that will permit elevators in some new high-rise buildings to continue to operate during a fire. The edition of the NFPA codes includes a section that addresses this. The current initiative dates from the September 11, , terrorist attacks, although the idea has been around for a long time. One of the first things you learn in a conversation with Dr. Fire safety is one of six OSEO divisions and has equal standing with biological safety, radiation, occupational hygiene and safety, environmental programs, and ergonomics. Fire safety division staff members are involved in on-site audits, student and staff training, departmental consultations, assistance with renovations and new construction, and interpretation of codes. Although the university does not run its own fire-fighting operation, the fire safety division works closely with community emergency response organizations. The idea is to leverage those capabilities in other response efforts. As renovations and system upgrades occur, Duke is replacing existing systems with more advanced, voice-activated signals. These can be converted into systems for mass notification of other types of emergencies. Knipper explains that voice-activated technology is based on a central command module, a computer that allows two-way, digital voice communication via the fire-alarm panels. Users can program prerecorded messages or use the IP address of a particular building or group of buildings to send targeted messages about threats, emergencies, etc. Awareness and Recognition Getting employees and students on- board and involved in fire safety is an ongoing challenge at Duke. They offer hands-on fire extinguisher training and information to students, parents, and others who want to learn. A creative, interactive campaign during Fire Prevention Week annually in October builds awareness. Activities involve employees, families, and visitors to the campus and to Duke Hospital. Safety leaders recognize fire safety champions. Instead of walking away, he persisted until he found a light fixture that had ignited and

begun to burn. He activated the fire extinguisher, called for help, and managed to avoid a serious problem. Fire drills are frequent and reality-based. OSEO staff members walk into a department and hand an employee a sheet that describes an imaginary fire scenario and ask him or her to pull the fire alarm. The individual is asked what actions to take according to the details of the fire. The employee is assessed according to a checklist. If less than 90 percent of the expected actions are taken, OSEO returns within 30 days to conduct a repeat drill. Fire prevention is a frequent topic of university newsletters and other campus communications. Multilevel, risk-based training includes live and online components and is tailored to the department.

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January 02, Fire prevention and preparedness essentials Each year, fire erupts at some 70, U. Most workplace fires are the result of human behavior rather than equipment failure, which means they can be prevented with a proactive program reinforced by training. This Compliance Report provides valuable information about the causes of fire, OSHA requirements, common employee missteps, and best practices for prevention. What are the hazards? What causes workplace fires? Heating equipment, such as improperly installed, operated, or maintained furnaces. Every furnace or heater has minimum clearance distances on all sides and above; make sure to keep material and building components away from this area. Never store combustible material in furnace rooms. And do not use temporary heating units in public buildings. Misused, overloaded, damaged, or improperly maintained electrical equipment is a common cause of workplace fires. Do not leave cords coiled up when plugged in. Only use extension cords for temporary power for equipment in use at the moment. Use multiple outlet strips for computer equipment, not for appliances or other electric equipment. Microwaves, coffeemakers, and stoves can cause fires if they are misused. Make sure all break room equipment is equipped with smoke detectors. Never leave cooking unattended, and follow microwave popcorn instructions carefully. Improperly maintained or cleaned mechanical equipment can lead to a fire. Keep bearings properly lubricated and aligned. And keep conveyors and mobile equipment cleaned and free of accumulations of combustible material. Poor housekeeping practices are a common cause of fire. Avoid excessive storage of boxes and other combustible material. Make sure stored material never blocks exits, walkways, electrical panels, or emergency equipment. Watch out for hazards outside of buildings, such as other buildings within feet of your site. Other hazards include nearby fuel tanks, dumpsters, and weeds, grass, and brush. If you still permit smoking in your facility you may want to reconsider. Unauthorized smoking or poor setup of smoking areas can put everyone at risk for fire. Other special hazards include flammable liquid storage and handling; spontaneous combustion from oily rags, chemicals, hay, and leaves; commercial cooking equipment; and LPG and natural gas. Your duty under the law Fire safety is addressed in a number of OSHA standards, including those for recordkeeping, construction, general industry, shipyard employment, marine terminals, longshoring, and gear certification. Fire exits consisting of at least two doors or other means of escape that are not near one another. Fire doors must not be locked or blocked from the inside when employees are in the building. And routes to the fire exits must be free of obstructions and properly marked with exit signs. If you want your employees to fight small fires, you must provide appropriate fire extinguishers and train employees in their use. Extinguishers must be approved for the types of hazards in the facility, maintained, and inspected. Employees who will use them must be trained in the hazards of fighting fire, how to operate the extinguishers, and how to alert other workers to the emergency. Employees must be trained to know the evacuation signal and what to do in an emergency. OSHA encourages fire suppression systems that detect fires, sound an alarm, and send water to the fire and heat. If these are used, OSHA requires that they be properly maintained. If a system is taken out of service during work hours, a fire watch must be substituted. And signs must be posted if a system uses agents like carbon dioxide or other chemicals that pose a serious health hazards. Risks are everywhereâ€”from chemicals and electricity to flammable liquids, combustible materials, compressed gases, smoking, and poor housekeeping. Review the steps you should be taking to prevent fires at your workplace. Store chemicals properly in tightly closed containers. Read labels and safety data sheets SDSs for the fire hazards related to chemicals in use. Keep flammable liquids away from sources of ignition. Regularly check containers for damage or leaks. Clean flammable liquid spills immediately and properly dispose of liquids and cleanup materials. Keep cords and plugs in good condition. Do not overload electrical circuits. Keep hot equipment away from combustible materials. Shut down electrical equipment that smokes or sparks. If smoking is

allowed, make sure smokers extinguish cigarettes and matches completely in designated containers. Handle compressed gas cylinders carefully and keep them away from heat. Keep work areas free of trash, combustible scrap materials, and other debris. Place oily rags in metal containers with lids. Keep machines free of dust and grease. Train employees to report fire hazards they cannot immediately correct. Depending on workplace hazards and processes, OSHA requires some employers to have fire prevention plans and emergency action plans. OSHA standards that trigger a fire prevention plan include ethylene oxide, methylenedianiline, and 1,3-butadiene. Requirements include the following: A plan must be in writing, kept in the workplace, and available for all employees to review. Employers with 10 or fewer employees may communicate the plan orally to employees. A list of all major fire hazards, proper handling and storage procedures for hazardous materials, potential ignition sources and control, and the type of fire protection equipment necessary to control each major hazard. Procedures to control accumulations of flammable and combustible waste materials. Procedures for regular maintenance of safeguards installed on heat-producing equipment to prevent the accidental ignition of combustible materials. Names or job titles of employees responsible for maintaining equipment to prevent or control sources of ignition or fire. Names or job titles of employees responsible for the control of fuel source hazards. Employers must inform employees upon initial assignment the fire hazards to which they are exposed. Employers must also review with each employee those parts of the plan necessary for self-protection. Similarly, not every employer is required to have an emergency action plan. OSHA standards that require a plan include process safety management, fixed extinguishing systems, grain handling, 1,3-butadiene, ethylene oxide, and methylenedianiline. A compliant emergency action plan should: Describe the routes for workers to use and procedures to follow. Account for all evacuated employees. Remain available for employee review. Include procedures for evacuating disabled employees. Address evacuation of employees who stay behind to shut down critical equipment. Include preferred means of alerting employees to a fire emergency. Provide for an employee alarm system throughout the workplace. Require an alarm system that includes voice communication or sound signals such as bells, whistles, or horns. Make the evacuation signal known to employees. Review the plan with new employees and with all employees whenever the plan changes. OSHA has produced a nonmandatory guideline an appendix to Subpart E of Part to help employers comply with the requirements for exit routes, fire prevention plans, and emergency action plans. Planning ahead and maintaining a well-trained emergency team can help make the critical difference. Appoint, organize, and train designated staff with emergency response duties and responsibilities. Document and distribute emergency procedures, including how to notify the fire department, evacuate employees, and accommodate those with special needs. Communicate your evacuation plan to all employees, vendors, visitors, and contractors. Distribute the plan to emergency personnel, including the fire department and designated management and supervisory staff. Post your evacuation diagram in clearly visible locations. Practice drills on a regular basis. Develop a roll-call system to account for all personnel and to notify the fire department of anyone who is missing. Prevention requires awareness, training, and a commitment to keeping fire safety top of mind. Where do workplaces get in trouble when it comes to fire protection? Businesses of all types make the mistake of believing that exit doors should remain locked for security reasonsâ€”sometimes with a chain and padlock attachedâ€”which is clearly against the law and frequently cited by OSHA. In fact, exit doors must never be locked from the inside during work hours. Solomon says recent versions of the NFPA Life Safety Code have included a solution for this problemâ€”a delayed egress locking system for buildings with sprinkler systems. The door looks like a typical commercial building exit door but includes a panic push bar with a sign announcing the delayed egress. A push on the bar triggers a piercing alarm of between 15 and 30 seconds, after which the door lock releases. The situation can be even more confusing if the business has other alarms in use, such as those that signal the release of hazardous chemicals. According to the NFPA, the goal of a workplace fire drill is to familiarize employees with emergency procedures and the location of exits.

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Pre-incident Preparedness for fire emergencies. Participants described varying levels of household fire preparedness. Some participants had multiple fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in their apartment unit. Others had smoke alarms but no fire extinguisher, or neither of these items. All participants knew the location of the emergency exit staircases and had experience entering the stairwells in the past. Some also had actual experience evacuating the building during two fire emergencies in the past. Risk perception of fire among participants was generally low despite most having previous experience with fire in the building. Owners felt that renters expected apartment unit owners to be responsible for fire safety and equipment. Renters abdicate [responsibility] to owners. Past experiences with false alarms resulted in many residents not initiating evacuation immediately after hearing the fire alarm. Participants described an overall low level of building fire safety culture. There was uncertainty regarding whether or not the building had a fire safety plan for persons with disabilities, or whether the building possessed a list of people who would need assistance evacuating. One participant described observing confusion about how to evacuate residents with mobility impairments during each fire that had occurred in the building. Varying levels of household preparedness for other types of disasters were also noted. Another individual described being prepared for riot and civil insurrection and had listed weapons and a military-grade gas mask among the items included in an emergency supply kit. Two types of cues for evacuation emerged from the data: Speculative cues were those that prompted residents to seek more information but did not immediately prompt evacuation. Lights were out in the hallway past the elevator. Initiation of evacuation was delayed by the gathering of supplies prior to moving toward the stairs. During the evacuation process, people provided assistance to others who needed help down the stairs, such as older residents or persons with disabilities. Despite the building having a smartphone app capable of sending push-notifications to residents, no notifications were received during the fire incident. Participants described waiting for messages on their phone about what was happening, though none came. Participants described strong feelings of danger, stress, and uncertainty during the immediate period following evacuation. Not sureâ€¦ was this safe? Smoke, soot, fire, glass, metalâ€¦ Was there asbestos in the smoke? Was lead being melted in burning paint? Participants described fear of exposure to hazardous materials and byproducts of the fire, such as asbestos, mold and lead paint. Immediately following the event, people took action toward their own recovery. Pictures of damaged property were taken for insurance purposes and then discarded. We took video of water damage. Saw black soot on shower bathroom walls. Not sure to keep or wash down. I saw my son playing with a small item as a toy. Residents, family members, and community organizations provided support to people affected by the fire. Friends and family provided displaced residents with temporary housing. Community agencies provided residents with shelter and supplies. The building, as a community, all came together. Impact on preparedness for emergencies among participants was mixed. Suggestions were organized into three levels: Residents should have a plan to evacuate the building that all members of a household are aware of. The plan should be written and placed on the back of the door. The plan should include what route to take to safety, and what items to bring when evacuating, such as a flashlight, water, phone and charger, and any important medications. Prior to evacuating, residents should quickly close their windows to protect their unit from smoke or water damage. Residents of lower floors should consider using hanging ladders to evacuate from their balconies. Practice basic fire safety. All occupants should have smoke alarms and at least one fire extinguisher in their residence. They should replace smoke alarm batteries annually. Proper use of the fire extinguisher should be practiced. Appliances should be unplugged when not in use. Windows and doors should be kept closed when leaving the apartment. Know the impact of the event on

health. People should be aware of and be able to recognize adverse health effects resulting from exposure to hazardous materials in a building affected by a fire. These include exposure to smoke, mold, asbestos, and other hazardous byproducts of a fire. Suggestions for the building include improving building fire safety systems, emergency communications, fire drills and training, emergency planning, and social support systems Table 3. Participants recommended enhancing building fire safety by installing fire sprinklers, doors that close automatically in the event of a fire, and an emergency lighting system to illuminate pathways to the exits. Fire extinguishers should be placed in the kitchen of every apartment in the building. The building should also consider installing pumps to fill standpipes prior to the arrival of the fire department. Robust emergency communication system. Multiple methods for communicating emergencies to residents should be in place. Suggestions included installation of a PA system, a reliable mobile alert system, and a TV broadcast warning system. Warning systems should alert residents of emergency situations, and instruct them whether evacuation is necessary. The building should develop an emergency communications plan that designates which building personnel is responsible for sending out warning messages, how messages can be sent, what information the messages should contain, and the frequency and timing of such messaging. The plan should include redundancies in case portions of the building or management staff are not accessible or available. Building drills and training. Fire drills should be held once or twice a year. Building management should partner with the fire department to provide residents with voluntary training on proper use of fire safety equipment. Residents should develop self-sufficiency for fighting fires prior to the arrival of firefighters. Fire alarm testing should be scheduled so that residents can check if alarms are audible from all rooms of the apartment. Develop plans to keep all residents safe. A pamphlet describing fire safety and evacuation procedures should be made available to residents. Special considerations should be arranged for persons with disabilities such as designating a fire captain on each floor who knows which residents require assistance evacuating. Doors could also be marked to signify the residence of someone who needs assistance. Emergency vehicle access should be established for all sides of the building, including sides of the building that do not have immediate roadway access. Establish building social support network. Building management should organize social events to foster a sense of community within the building in periods prior to and following an emergency. A method should be in place for following up with persons suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder PTSD. Networks for post-disaster support should also be established to provide affected families with resources such as temporary housing, psychological counseling, and interpretation services. Wider changes to policy and education regarding fire safety were also suggested Table 4.

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Published on September 1, Why even the best life safety systems need to be part of a response plan that accounts for human behavior. Not surprisingly, I appeared to be the only one doing this. I found an emergency exit door in the terminal, but before walking toward it and trying to decide whether to risk some interesting interactions with airport security if I went through it I noticed that the strobes and speakers were not going off in the terminal itself. My training as a fire safety professional began to kick in, and a few things quickly became obvious. The terminal was not separated from the connector by a fire-rated separation. The terminal was zoned separately on the notification system. There was no alert message in adjacent zones. At this point my curiosity got the best of me. I waited in the terminal with an exit door at the gate behind me , near the connector where I could see and hear the alarm, and I watched. A few people looked up at the strobes, but aside from that nobody seemed to behave any differently than normal. This was true for both the general public and airport employees. Crowds of people kept right on walking into the connector area where the alarms were going off, only stopping to read the arrival and departure screens. Even the skycaps pushing passengers in wheelchairs kept on going. This continued for about 10 or 15 minutes, until the alarms stopped with no further announcement. This reaction, or lack thereof, was concerning, not so much as it applied to the general public, which I expected, but how it described the behavior of airport personnel. Ever the optimist, I thought maybe airport employees had behaved the way they had because they possessed more information about what had triggered the alarm than the general public. I still had some time before my flightâ€”a one-hour delay that eventually stretched to twoâ€”so I decided to ask some questions. The first stop was the information booth in the middle of the connector area where the alarms had been going off. The attendant was quick to dismiss the event as a false alarm. When I asked how he knew it was false, he had a ready answer. I decided to check with the gate agent to see if she had heard anything about the source of the alarm. Two more questions immediately occurred to me: And who would be making the phone and radio calls to all the employees? I kept those questions to myself. In the few years since this event, I have had the same situation occur in two other major U. In both cases, the public and employee responses were the same, and comments from airport personnel were similar. On another occasion, I was in a restaurant with members of an NFPA technical committee when the fire alarm went off. Our table was the only one to leave, and while we waited outside we watched people continue to walk into the building even as the fire engines rolled up outside. Fortunately, all of these experiences were relatively benign. The concern is that they demonstrate weaknesses in the emergency response plan, issues that can have devastating effects. Employees are tasked with maintaining operations, but if they fail to respond to an emergency or respond inappropriately, the response plan will break down. While there were several aspects of that facility that did not meet NFPA codes, the actions of security personnel to lock doors to prevent shoplifting likely increased the number of casualties by further impeding egress. We rely on fire alarm and emergency communication systems as critical life-safety systems in public assembly spaces, but how effective are they? Without a well-implemented response plan that factors in human behavior, even the best technological solution will fail. What would you do if you heard an alarm? Does the answer depend on where you are? Many workplaces conduct regular drills to ensure that employees know how to respond to a fire alarm. At home, you should have an escape plan prepared and be ready to respond when the smoke alarm goes off. But what about in a public space? Will your response be different? The need for validation is a recognized behavioral trait. When given an indicator of an abnormal condition, such as an alarm signal, most people will seek reassurance to validate the initial perception before taking any action. In an airport or retail facility, people would likely seek validation from an employee or security person on the presumption that they have additional information available to them. Social inhibition

decreases the likelihood that an individual will respond to the initial indication; in a crowd of people, few are willing to be the first person to take action. For guidance on considering these factors in emergency planning, facility managers and safety professionals can refer to Section 4. The underlying behavioral and social effects are described in detail in the Handbook of Fire Protection Engineering, published by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. Unfortunately, the employee response was also understandable given the frequency of false alarms and the need to avoid disruptions to airport operations. When people are exposed to frequent false alarms, they become conditioned to ignore them. The underlying lesson here for life-safety systems designers and facility managers is to recognize the normal behavioral responses and try to accommodate them with the design of safety systems. Key elements to consider include: False alarms reinforce poor behavior. Most people have more experience with false alarms than true emergencies, so the assumption is that any alarm is false unless proven otherwise. This supports inaction over action, unless there is some other management system to promote action. Whenever possible, fire alarm testing and maintenance in public facilities should be planned to avoid generating alarms for the general public. Properly applied detection solutions can be used to reduce the frequency of false alarms, and specialized notification approaches including positive alarm sequences can further reduce inadvertent public notification. However, these systems will only be effective when they are implemented within a response plan that accounts for human behavior. Employees are critical for influencing public behavior. The general public will tend to seek validation for ambiguous cues, and even not-so-ambiguous cues. Employees, including contractors and tenants, need to have clearly defined roles and the facility management needs to hold them accountable for performing those roles. Fires are not the only emergencies. Public assembly areas need to consider a variety of threats, including active shooters, bomb threats, and severe weather, just to name a few. The desired response, both from employees and the public, may be different for each emergency. Some facilities, including airports, have security and operational concernsâ€”including screening for weapons, controlling admission, preventing shoplifting, and othersâ€”that can create major logistical challenges during an evacuation. Employees and responders should be trained to respond appropriately in each situation. Even the best safety system will fail if people have been conditioned to respond inappropriately or not at all.

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By considering human behavior in the design of life safety systems, we can help ensure that fire alarm and emergency communication systems don't become boxes on the wall that offer nothing but a false sense of security.

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