

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Policy 9.1.11	Fire-rated Enclosures	Responsibility:	Assistant Vice President for Facilities

FIRE-RATED ENCLOSURES

Overview

This policy applies to external contractors, Facilities Management, Telecommunications and Networking, repair personnel/vendors, their supervisors (including outside contractors), and other individuals performing wall or floor penetration work in fire-rated enclosures.

Definitions

Fire-Rated Enclosure: Refers to a structure with a fire resistance rating approved by the authority having jurisdiction that is designed and maintained to prevent the passage of smoke and fire. Examples include stairs, mechanical rooms, elevator hoistways, utility shafts, corridor walls, and return air plenum.

Penetration: An opening in a fire-rated enclosure that includes penetration of pipes, conduits, ducts, cables, pneumatic tubes, and similar building services.

Policy

The fire-rated areas within the Health Science Center provide services critical to the strategic mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Any action that may significantly affect the integrity of a fire-rated enclosure shall be reviewed by Facilities Management personnel prior to beginning any work. All existing penetrations into fire-rated enclosures shall be resealed or corrected using accepted procedures and methods in accordance with the sketches and specifications available from the Planning, Design and Estimating Division of Facilities Management. New penetrations into fire-rated enclosures must be reviewed by Facilities Management prior to and following the penetration work. The supervisor in the requesting department shall verify compliance with this policy prior to beginning a project within a fire-rated enclosure. The supervisor shall consult with the Planning, Design and Estimating Division or the Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance (or his designated representative) in Facilities Management to ensure work is completed as required by this policy.
