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STATE FIRE MARSHAL’S OFFICE TO VISIT UH CAMPUS

Houston, Feb. 21, 2013 – A team from the State Fire Marshal’s office will visit the University of Houston campus the week of Feb. 25 to conduct a series of inspections.

During a January visit, inspectors noted unapproved combustible storage in stairwells and corridors throughout campus. UH staff should walk through their buildings and areas of responsibility to ensure that trash and equipment are removed.

Below is the code reference:

7.1.10.1 General. Means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency.

7.2.2.5.3.1 Open space within the exit enclosure shall not be used for any purpose that has the potential to interfere with egress. (NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 2012 edition)

The UH Fire Marshal’s office continues to stand ready to work with all campus departments and their staff. Contact the UH Fire Marshal’s office with any questions, concerns or to discuss the issue in more detail.

Anyone who needs assistance with issues related to fire and life safety should call Chris McDonald at extension 3-5866 or email at cjmcdonald@uh.edu.

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