

# Top Ten Most Frequently Cited Nursing Home Fire Safety Deficiencies

- LeadingAgeNY analysis of CMS Nursing Home Compare data
- Fire safety surveys only
- Standard surveys only (i.e., complaint survey deficiencies excluded)
- Based on the most recent periodic survey for each home surveyed through September 2019
- Top 10 cited Statewide

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Rank	Deficiency	K-Tag	Number of Times Cited	As a Percent of All Cites
1	Inspect, test, and maintain automatic sprinkler systems.	353	173	6.7%
2	Install an approved automatic sprinkler system.	351	151	5.8%
3	Ensure that testing and maintenance of electrical equipment is performed.	921	134	5.2%
4	Have generator or other power source capable of supplying service within 10 seconds.	918	94	3.6%
5	Have stairways and smokeproof enclosures used as exits that meet safety requirements.	225	89	3.4%
6	Ensure proper usage of power strips and extension cords.	920	88	3.4%
7	Ensure smoke barriers are constructed to a 1 hour fire resistance rating.	372	78	3.0%
8	Keep aisles, corridors, and exits free of obstruction in case of emergency.	211	75	2.9%
9	Establish roles under a Waiver declared by secretary.	26	74	2.8%
9	Ensure that special areas are constructed so that walls can resist fire for one hour or have an approved fire extinguishing system.	321	74	2.8%

Source: LeadingAge NY analysis of CMS Nursing Home Compare Data accessed January 2020