



VCU

Safety and Risk
Management

Building Inspections

Virginia Commonwealth University's Occupational Safety Section is committed to strong, fair and effective enforcement of safety and health requirements in the workplace. The goal of the Occupational Safety staff is to ensure compliance with OSHA regulations and provide a safe working environment.

Each University building is inspected at least once per calendar year. The compliance safety officer will enter all areas of a building to check for compliance with applicable codes and regulations as they may apply. Some of the codes that Occupational Safety will reference are OSHA regulations, Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code.

Inspections are prioritized as follows:

Immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) – any hazard or actions that could cause death or serious injury will be stopped or corrected immediately.

Observed actions - Any observed actions or behaviors that could potentially be hazardous, safety personnel will respond to evaluate the situation and make recommendations.

Targeted inspections – Focused on high hazard areas or workspaces that have a potential for high rates of injury or property loss.

Annual inspections – Complete walk through of facility with customized report delivered to appropriate building officials. Typical items that are evaluated during the annual inspection are SDS compliance, machine guarding, electrical safety, egress issues, etc.

Follow-up inspections – Check on any previously discovered violations.

Once an inspection has been completed and the report has been delivered, the building manager and designated Facilities Management personnel will have 30 days to address minor and moderate violations and return the Certificate of Completion, which will be included with the report. All IDLH observations will be corrected immediately.

Any other requests for inspections or safety related information can be found at our website. <http://srm.vcu.edu/>

Additional information is located here:

[VCU Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management Policy](#)

[VCU Safety Manual](#)