

# Volusia County Fire Services Safety Gram



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## Station Safety

Company officers and firefighters have a responsibility to assure all items listed are kept clean and maintained at all times: station quarters, kitchen, bathrooms, showers, dayrooms, offices, lawnmowers, blowers, along with other equipment in the station (spare: SCBA, O2 bottles, etc.), apparatus and tools.

### Supervision of other firefighters' work includes:

1. Setting a personal example of safe behavior and enforcing established safe practices and procedures.
2. Evaluating firefighters' physical and mental conditions.
3. Analyzing work situations to eliminate or avoid hazards.
4. Discussing safety at the beginning of each new work assignment.
5. Becoming immediately involved whenever injury occurs by ensuring that medical treatment is provided in a timely manner and investigating the accident with persons involved.
6. Providing leadership in taking corrective action aimed at eliminating causes of accidents and instilling a safe work attitude.
7. Providing clear instructions and ensuring instructions are understood.
8. Protecting employee from reprisal for reporting unsafe conditions.
9. Assuring department policies are followed.
10. Monitoring work to be sure it is done safely and efficiently.

### Firefighters safety responsibilities:

1. Do not place materials such as boxes or trash in walkways, passageways, and stairwells.
2. Stack materials neatly in the designated storage area.
3. Do not block or obstruct stairwells, exits, or accesses to safety and emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers.
4. Do not try to kick objects out of pathways. Push or carry them out of the way. Clean your work area frequently.
5. Do not let work residue build up so as to create a slip or trip hazard.
6. Do not leave tools and material out after completing a task, but store all items in their designated areas.
7. Do not let items overhang from shelves into walkways.
8. Do not leave rugs and mats that do not lie flat on floors, but instead straighten or remove rugs and mats.
9. Do not overlook spills or leaks on floors or rugs, but clean those items up off the floor.
10. Do not forget to use caution signs/cones to barricade slippery areas such as freshly mopped floors.
11. Do not leave loose compressed cylinders, such as fire extinguishers and S.C.B.A bottles, on bay floors, but secure these items.

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### Dispersion level Chart

Dispersion Range 0-40 is stable air, low fire intensity, less long range spotting.

Dispersion Range 41-70 is moderate unstable air, increased fire intensity and long range spotting.

Dispersion Range 70+ is unstable air, high amount of upper lifting, Intense fire activity, potential for long range spotting and plume dominated wildfires.

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**F**ight fire aggressively, but provide for safety first.

**I**nitiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.

**R**ecognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.

**E**nsure instructions are given and understood.

**O**btain current information on status.

**R**emain in communication with crewmembers, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.

**D**etermine safety zones and escape routes.

**E**stablish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.

**R**emain in control at all times.

**S**tay alert, keep calm, act decisively.

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