Student Handout

ULC-S536 Unit 3: Risk Reduction & Readiness

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand responsibilities under the current codes and standards
- Know what a 'complete' inspection report should include
- Prepare for annual inspections and AHJ visits
- Apply cost-effective strategies for maintaining system integrity
- Select the right service provider and ask the right questions

KEY CONTENT

Maintain Operational Readiness

Building owners must ensure fire alarm systems are always fully functional. If a system is impaired, they are responsible for restoring service immediately and implementing alternative safety measures (e.g., fire watch).

Inspection, Testing & Maintenance

Owners must follow the National Fire Code (NFC) for regular ITM activities to ensure reliability, keeping systems in good order and repairing deficiencies promptly.

Documentation & Records

All inspection, testing, and maintenance records must be maintained and made available to the AHJ upon request.

Compliance & Oversight

Owners (or authorized agents) are legally responsible for meeting all fire alarm system requirements in the Code, including any AHJ-specific conditions.

Annual ITM Reports

Sections 7 (yearly) and 8 (monthly) of CAN/ULC-S536:2019 prescribe mandatory report forms. These forms must be used as provided, ensuring consistency and comparability. Branding may be added but required fields and structure cannot be altered.

Preparation for Annual ITM

Owners should proactively prepare by ensuring access, coordinating with contractors, and gathering past documentation.

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