

ry staff-floor wardens must be notified. Post signage providing details on evacuation procedures. Notify the Fire Department before the shutdown occurs and on the restoration of the fire suppression system.

Temporary Shut Down of Sprinkler Systems

Notify the Fire Department and all supervisory staff that the sprinkler system is temporarily shut down. The work conducted on the sprinkler system shall be completed by the contractor to enable the system to be operational as quickly as possible in the circumstances. Full sprinkler protection shall be restored when work on the system is discontinued. Closed sprinkler valves shall be tagged or marked in an approved manner. While the sprinklers are shut down, the fire watch personnel shall patrol the area until the sprinkler system has been restored. "Hot works" such as welding or cutting must be either prohibited in the area until the sprinkler protection has been restored, or special precautions must be put into place e.g. an attendant with a properly rated fire extinguisher standing watch while the hot works takes place. Once work is complete, ensure the monitoring station is called to restore all signals in addition advising the Fire Department the system is back on line.

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