



CANAVERAL FIRE RESCUE

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RE: **Update of Florida Administrative Rule A69 60.008
Light-Truss Framed Type Construction; Required Building Marking**

Dear Building Owner:

As a courtesy to you, Canaveral Fire Rescue wants to inform you that your property may be required to comply with the new Administrative Rule recently developed by the State Fire Marshal's Office as required by Florida Statute 633.027 (2008). The complete rule is available at Florida Department of State website: www.flrules.org 69A-60.0081, click on the document icon. Please call if you have difficulty getting access on this website.

This rule requires the owner of certain types of industrial, commercial and multifamily dwellings to provide a placard on their building if constructed with light truss framing. This rule exempts townhomes, single family and duplexes at this time.

The purpose of the placard is to provide a warning to responding fire personnel and other emergency responders of light framed truss-type construction. With this type of construction, the failure of any component compromises the entire structure, causing sudden collapse which frequently endangers firefighters. The placard must be 8" x 8" with a bright red Maltese cross with a center circle. The center circle will contain one of the following alphabetical letters or combination of letters:

- The letter "R" indicating the presence of a light-framed roof truss,
- The letter "F" indicating the presence of a light-framed floor truss,
- The letters "RF" indicating the presence of both light-framed roof and floor truss.

The approved symbol shall be placed within 24 inches to the left of the main entry door and be permanently attached to the face of the structure on a contrasting background, or mounted on a contrasting base material which is then permanently attached to the face of the structure. The distance above the grade, walking surface or the finished floor to the bottom of the symbol shall be not less than 4 feet (48 in.). The distance above the grade, walking surface or the finished floor to the top of the symbol shall not be more than 6 feet (72 in.).

The Fire Prevention section of Canaveral Fire Rescue will be handling compliance with this new statute as part of its normal inspection process. If it is determined that you are required to comply with this statute, we will notify you at the time of inspection and make reasonable attempts to work with you to come into compliance prior to any enforcement action.

For additional information and to view an example of the required placard, please visit our website at ccvfd.org or contact John Cunningham at Canaveral Fire Rescue (321) 783-4777. For your convenience, examples of the required placard are on the back of this correspondence.

Thank you,

David J. Sargeant
Fire Chief



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Light-frame "Roof" only



Light-frame "Floor" only



Light-frame "Floor & Roof"

