

Section 6.3. Fire Alarm and Voice Communication Systems

6.3.1. General

6.3.1.1. Maintenance

- 1) Fire alarm and voice communication systems shall be maintained in operable condition at all times.

6.3.1.2. Inspection and Testing

- 1) Fire alarm systems shall be inspected and tested in conformance with CAN/ULC-S536, “Inspection and Testing of Fire Alarm Systems.”
- 2) Fire alarm and detection system components shall be accessible for purposes of inspection or maintenance.

6.3.1.3. Central Stations and Their Fire Protection Signalling Systems

- 1) Central stations, including their fire protection signalling systems, shall be maintained in conformance with CAN/ULC-S561, “Installation and Services for Fire Signal Receiving Centres and Systems.”
(See Note A-6.3.1.3.(1).)

6.3.1.4. Voice Communication Systems

- 1) Voice communication systems that are integrated with a required fire alarm system shall be tested in conformance with Article 6.3.1.2.
- 2) Voice communication or public address systems that are part of the *building* evacuation plan and are not electrically supervised shall be tested at intervals not greater than one month in conformance with Sentences (3) and (4). (See Note A-6.3.1.4.(2).)
- 3) Loudspeakers operated from the central alarm and control facility shall be tested to ensure they can be heard in all parts of the *building*.
- 4) The 2-way communication system from each *floor area* to the central alarm and control facility shall be tested to ensure proper operation.