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**National Fire Codes:** A list developed by the NFPA that includes a wide range of codes, standards, and recommended best practices.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):** The world’s leading advocate of fire prevention, it is a non-profit organization intended to promote and improve the methods of fire protection and prevention, to obtain and circulate information on the subjects, and to secure the cooperation of its members. The NFPA publishes, and disseminates consensus codes and standards intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and other risks; it is also one of the groups developing model national codes on which local building codes and regulations are based.

**Recommended Practice:** A document that is similar in content and structure to a code or standard but contains only non-mandatory provisions using the word “should”.

**National Fire Incident Reporting System:** Reports causes, frequency, and types of fires that have occurred locally and in broader areas, and analyzes them for patterns. It is maintained by the US Fire Administration.

**US Fire Administration:** An agency of the US government that deals with fire issues.