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### Quick Code Reference

#### Marking of Dangerous Buildings

##### Fire Code Reference

527 CMR 1

10.12.5 Any building determined to be especially unsafe in case of fire, under the provisions of the Building Code shall be identified and caused to be marked by the Building Official, with the cooperation of the Head of the Fire Department, to indicate the degree of hazard.

10.12.5.1 In marking such buildings, the following symbols shall be used:



This symbol shall mean that interior hazards exist to such a degree that interior operations shall be conducted with extreme caution. This symbol shall not in any way limit the discretion of the on scene Incident Commander in directing operations that the Incident Commander deems necessary.



This symbol shall mean that exterior or interior hazards exist to such a degree that consideration should be given to conduct operations from the exterior only. This symbol shall not in any way limit the discretion of the on scene Incident Commander in directing operations that the Incident Commander deems necessary.

10.12.5.2 Markings shall be applied on the front of the building at or above the second floor level, where practical, between openings such that they are visible from the street. Markings may be applied to the sides or the rear of a building if the Head of the Fire Department deems such placement necessary. Markings shall also be applied in a conspicuous place near every entrance, and on penthouses. Markings shall not be applied over doors, windows, or other openings where they may be obscured by smoke or fire.

10.12.5.3 Markings shall be a minimum of 24 inches by 24 inches. Markings shall either be on a placard with a reflective background or painted with a reflective paint of contrasting color directly on the surface of the building. Stripes and borders outside of the marking shall be a minimum of two inches wide.

10.12.5.4 All markings shall bear a date as to when applied or the date of the most recent inspection.

10.12.5.5 Prior to receiving a mark, all buildings shall be inspected thoroughly by the Head of the Fire Department.