

**“What Happens When the Fire Marshal Strikes? Considerations  
for Contractors Navigating Delays”  
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On large construction projects, when it comes time for the fire marshal’s inspection of the work, it’s wise to anticipate some delays to the job. What should the contractor expect when these inspections occur? I’m Greg Seador, and this is a *Must Know Minute*.

One critical step that must happen prior to the completion of any large construction project is inspection of the work by the fire marshal.

These inspections are meant to ensure that the work is progressing in accordance with the code. But often, if the fire marshal determines that some portion of the work is not, it could result in design changes and significant delays.

Contractors should 1) one work with the fire marshal early and often to make sure the work is progressing in accordance with the code and 2) anticipate a fire marshal inspections in advance and build some float into the schedule to account for any potential delays.

Taking these steps will help protect contractors against unanticipated delays and the resulting claims against the owner to require design changes. Contact me to learn more.

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