

Professional Fire Fighters of WI: Statement from Mahlon Mitchell president of the PFFW on attorney general's opinion on fire sprinklers

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This is a major setback for public safety in Wisconsin. This opinion means that new apartment buildings under 20 units no longer have to have fire sprinklers. That is just crazy!

There is no doubt that fire sprinklers have proved themselves to be a successful, cost-effective method to reduce fire deaths. To not have sprinklers in these large new apartment buildings is a tragedy waiting to happen.

The Professional Fire fighters of Wisconsin call for the following action:

1. State legislators should call themselves back into Extraordinary Session to quickly enact legislation re-instating the apartment fire sprinkler rule.
2. If the State Legislature is not able to act quickly the Governor should direct the Department of Safety and Professional Services to place a moratorium on approving any new apartment building plans until the Legislature acts when it returns for its next regular session on January 16, 2018.