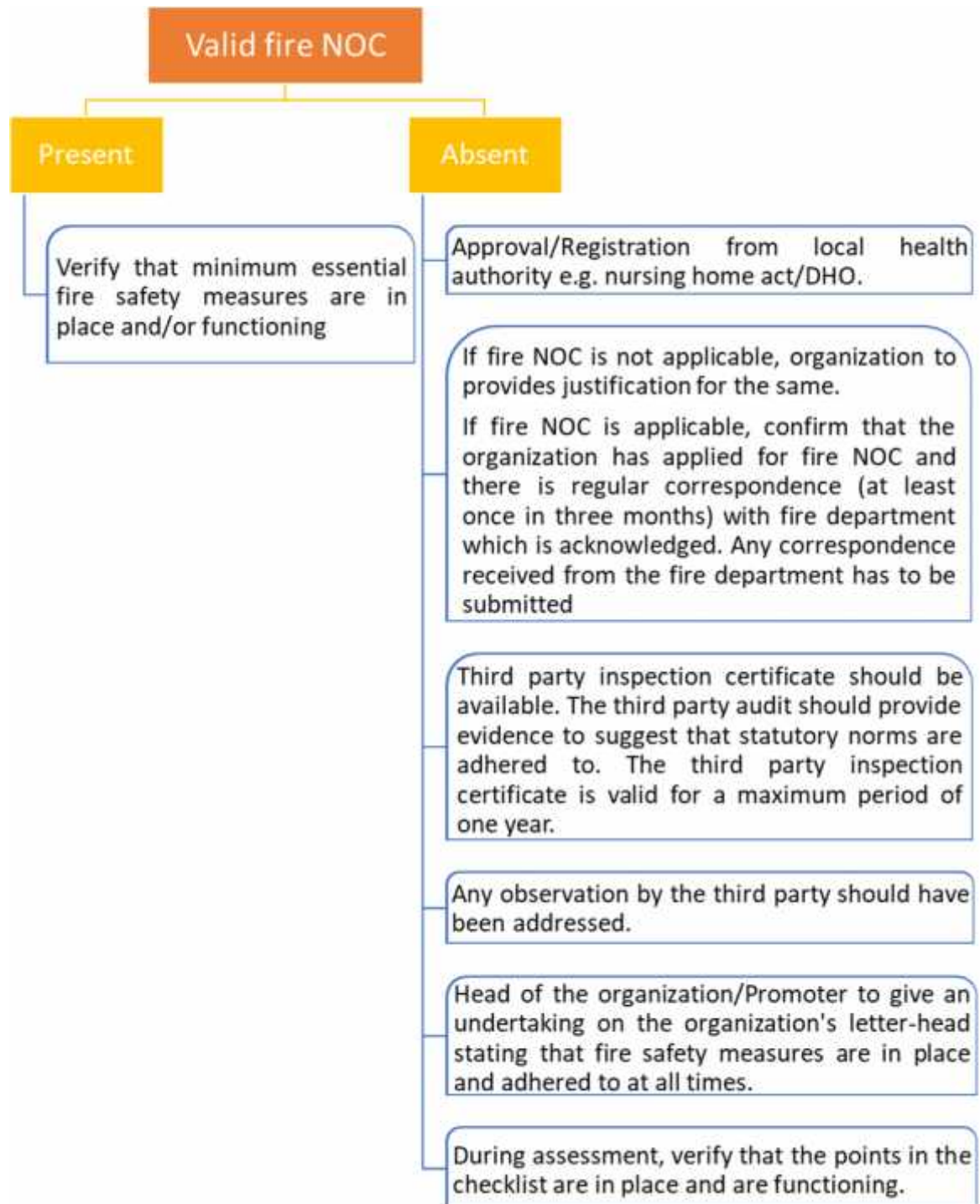




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Minimum Essential Fire Safety Measures Checklist

Applicable to Healthcare Units under all schemes of Certification and Accreditation
These guidelines are meant to ensure patient safety and in no way absolves the organization of fulfilling its statutory obligations with regard to fire safety.





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Checklist

1. Firefighting equipment like wet riser, hydrants, auto sprinkler, fire alarm system, fire extinguishers of all types and sizes should be available as per table below (adapted from NBC 2016).
2. Operational and maintenance plan for firefighting equipment including refilling of extinguishers.
3. Up to date fire drawings to be available. Where applicable, the fire drawings should also specify the location of fire dampers.
4. Fire detection and smoke detectors exist across all floors. The detectors shall be tested for functionality at regular intervals, and records maintained.
5. Central fire alarm system is installed at a location which is staffed 24/7.
6. Fire exit plan for each floor. Exit door should be openable and free from any materials which will obstruct way.
7. Fire Exit signage on all floors well illuminated/ self-glowing, as per NBC guidelines.
8. Emergency illumination system in case power goes.
9. Designated place for assembly of patients and staff in case of fire.
10. Mock fire drill records and schedule of conduct of drills.

Minimum Requirements for Fire Fighting Installations

Type of Hospital	Wet Riser	Automatic Sprinkler	Manually operated electric fire alarm	Auto detection and fire alarm system
Hospitals less than 15 meters in height, with plot area upto 1000 square metres and upto G + 1 floor	NR	R	R	NR
Hospitals less than 15 meters in height, with plot area upto 1000 square metres and G + 2 floors	R	R	R	R
Hospitals less than 15 meters in height with plot area more 1000 square metres	R	R	R	R
Hospitals 15 meters and above but not exceeding 24 meters in height	R	R	R	R
Hospitals above 24 meters but not exceeding 45 meters in height	R	R	R	R

R = Required

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Sufficient water storage (underground and/or terrace) should be provided to ensure fire-fighting