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**Inspection of Federal Buildings**

**Code:** 2002 Fire Prevention Code  
**Section:** 102A

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**Question:**

Can Fire Prevention inspectors enforce the state building codes for federal buildings?

**Answer:**

No. While federal facility managers are encouraged to consult with local code officials to establish safe guidelines for construction and operation, federal buildings such as post offices, federal court houses and federal prisons are immune to state building code enforcement.

It should be noted that this interpretation does not apply to federal offices located within leased private buildings, which continue to be subject to the state codes.

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