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Guidelines and Specifications for:

Fire Department Connection (FDC) Signs

Applicable Codes and Standards:

VUSBC – Virginia Statewide Building Code (2006)

VSFPC – Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (2006)

NFPA 13 – NFPA Standard for the Installation of Automatic Sprinkler Systems (2007)

Location	Code Section
All FDCs (remote or building mounted) must be provided on the front side of the building with approved signage visible from ALL directions .	VSFPC 912.2
Where the FDC and signage are free standing, back to back post mounted signs are likely required to cover ALL directions .	VSFPC 912.2.1
Where visibility is blocked, additional signage may be required.	VSFPC 912.2.2

Sign Specifications	Code Section
Minimum 18"x18" metal sign with a red reflective background and white reflective letters and a 3/8 inch wide white reflective border. Sign mounting height should be about 7 feet from grade level, directly behind and above the connections.	VSFPC 912.4
The address or addresses served by the connections (numbers, street and suite if applicable) must be illustrated with 2 inch letters on the top portion of the sign.	VSFPC 912.4
The term " FDC " must be illustrated with at least 6 inch capital letters in the center of the sign (font to be "Arial" or equivalent).	VSFPC 912.4
The terms " Sprinkler Only " or " Standpipe Only " or " Sprinkler and Standpipe " must be illustrated in 2 inch letters on the bottom portion of the sign.	VSFPC 912.4

