Introduction
Fire Prevention Services is responsible for preserving property and life safety on all UC Davis property, including existing buildings and construction sites. During the construction of new facilities or major renovations on the UC Davis Campus, there may be occasions when faculty and staff may wish to visit the site of their new facility. While this is not encouraged, it may be possible to occasionally accommodate scheduled and permitted tours for a brief period of time.

Basis for Requirements
Construction sites are not to be used or occupied prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the building official. However, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy permit (Use Permit Online Application) [1] may be granted by Fire Prevention Services before the completion of the entire work of the project, provided that such portion or portions shall be occupied safely. The permit shall set a time period during which the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy is valid. It is generally issued for the hours of the planned event only.

Application
Provisions for fire and life safety, including safety equipment will be a condition of permit. They may include the following:

- Working fire alarm system*
- Working fire sprinkler system*
- Operational electrical power*
- Operational exit signage and door hardware
- Completed exiting systems (stairs, handrails, guardrails, and hardscape ground surfaces to the street)
- Fire extinguishers
- Limited number of occupants
- Sanitary facilities
- Wearing of hard hats and closed shoes
*If these requirements are not met, a Fire Watch*([Fire Watch Fire Net](https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/safetynet/firewatch-guidelines)[2]) *may be a requirement in the issuance of a permit.*

All permit requests are subject to site inspection by Fire Prevention Services. This inspection must be completed prior to issuance of permit. Please allow time for scheduling of inspections and processing of permit, which could take 1-2 weeks, depending on the site and the use.

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**More information**

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