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This edition of NFPA 170 was approved as an American National Standard on January 2, 2012.

Origin and Development of NFPA 170

The 1994 edition of NFPA 170 represented the completion of an effort to combine four previously separate documents that covered fire safety symbols for different purposes. These documents were the following:

NFPA 171, Public Firesafety Symbols

NFPA 172, Fire Protection Symbols for Architectural and Engineering Drawings

NFPA 174, Fire Protection Symbols for Risk Analysis Diagrams

NFPA 178, Symbols for Fire Fighting Operations

The Technical Committee on Fire Safety Symbols believed that placing all fire safety symbols in one document made it easier for users of symbols to find the one(s) most appropriate for their application. It also eliminated duplication between these and eventually other NFPA documents.

The first edition of NFPA 170, in 1991, placed these four documents in one document but did not combine them, except for definitions that were in each document.

For the second edition of NFPA 170, in 1994, the Technical Committee on Fire Safety Symbols completely restructured the text into a logical and cohesive arrangement. The duplication of symbols that occurred during the aforementioned consolidation of documents was eliminated. New symbols added included those for *campfire prohibitions*, *smoke barriers*, *illuminated exit signs*, and *belowground tanks*.

For the third (1996) edition of NFPA 170, changes included the following:

- (1) Upgrading recommendations on pre-incident planning to requirements
- (2) Adding new symbols for pull station, area of refuge, and cooking prohibition
- (3) Clarifying the symbols for *smoke detectors, battery-powered emergency lights,* and *fire service/emergency telephone station*
- (4) Recognizing the phaseout of Halon now taking place and the introduction of clean agents

The 1999 edition further recognized the introduction of clean agents by adding new symbols for *clean agent* and *water mist systems*. A new appendix (Appendix C) was added to include symbols that can be used for life safety planning.

The 2002 edition was reformatted to conform to the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents*. Symbols for fire alarm system components were added for consistency with *NFPA* $72^{\text{\tiny{\$}}}$, *National Fire Alarm Code* .

In 2004, the scope of the committee was expanded to include emergency symbols to allow emergency mapping symbols in a new Chapter 8.

The 2006 edition of NFPA 170 included the refinement of exit symbology for better recognition of exit, arrow, and flame symbols that are consistent with international standards.

A new Chapter 8, Symbology for Emergency Management Mapping, was added to assist the user in the preparation for, prevention of, protection against, response to, and recovery from threats to the nation's population centers and critical infrastructure from terrorist, criminal, accidental, or natural origin.

The symbols in Chapter 8 were the result of efforts by the Federal Geographic Data Committee — Homeland Security Working Group (http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html). The symbols were included in the 2006 edition so that they can be processed through an accredited standards-writing organization and made available to the public.

The 2009 edition of NFPA 170 included a new chapter (Chapter 9) that provided guidance on the development of emergency evacuation diagrams and plans.

The 2012 edition of NFPA 170 includes a new Chapter 7 and a new Chapter 8, previously all encompassed within the old Chapter 6. This affected symbol detail for various device symbols such as fire alarm devices, fire sprinkler devices, electronic fire and smoke detection, and so forth. This action better organizes existing symbols within the standard for the user.

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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex C.

Chapter 1 Administration

- **1.1 Scope.** This standard presents symbols used for fire safety, emergency, and associated hazards.
- **1.2 Purpose.** The purpose of this standard is to standardize the symbols used in representing fire safety, emergency, and associated hazards.
- **1.3 Retroactivity.** The provisions of this standard reflect a consensus of what is necessary to provide an acceptable degree of protection from the hazards addressed in this standard at the time the standard was issued.
- **1.3.1** Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this standard shall not apply to facilities, equipment, structures, or installations that existed or were approved for construction or installation prior to the effective date of the standard. Where specified, the provisions of this standard shall be retroactive.
- **1.3.2** In those cases where the authority having jurisdiction determines that the existing situation presents an unacceptable degree of risk, the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to apply retroactively any portions of this standard deemed appropriate.

- **1.3.3** The retroactive requirements of this standard shall be permitted to be modified if their application clearly would be impractical in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, and only where it is clearly evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided.
- **1.4 Equivalency.** Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this standard.
- **1.4.1** Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency.
- **1.4.2** The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.
- **1.5 Units.** Metric units of measurement used in this standard shall be in accordance with the International System of Units (SI). One unit (liter), outside of but recognized by SI, is commonly used in international fire protection. For conversion factors, see Table 1.5.

Table 1.5 Metric Conversion Factors

Name of Unit	Unit Symbol	Conversion Factor
Liter	L	1 gal = 3.785 L
Cubic decimeter	dm^3	$1 \text{ gal} = 3.785 \text{ dm}^3$
Pascal	Pa	1 psi = 6894.757 Pa
Meter	m	1 ft = 0.3048 m
Millimeter	mm	1 in. = 25.4 mm

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

- **2.1 General.** The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.
- **2.2 NFPA Publications.** National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 101[®], Life Safety Code[®], 2012 edition.

NFPA 704, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response, 2012 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ANSI Publications. American National Standards Institute, Inc., 25 West 43rd Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities, 2003.

ANSI Z535.1, Safety Color Code, 2002.

2.3.2 NECA Publications. National Electrical Contractors Association, 3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1100, Bethesda, MD 20814.

NECA 100, Symbols for Electrical Construction Drawings, 1999.

2.3.3 Other Publications.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.

NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2010 edition.



Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

- **3.2.1* Approved.** Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction
- **3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).** An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.
- **3.2.3 Labeled.** Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.
- **3.2.4* Listed.** Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.
- 3.2.5 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.
- **3.2.6 Should.** Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Pre-Incident Planning. A written document resulting from the gathering of general and detailed information/data to be used by public emergency response agencies and private industry for determining the response to reasonable anticipated emergency incidents at a specific facility.

- **3.3.2* Referent.** An object or concept (message) represented by a symbol.
- **3.3.3 Self-Luminous.** A type of sign that is self-energized with respect to luminosity and requires no external power source.
- **3.3.4* Supplementary Indicators.** Figures, numbers, subscripts, or letter abbreviations used to enhance the effectiveness of symbols.
- **3.3.5* Symbol.** A graphic representation of a referent.

Chapter 4 Symbols for General Use

4.1 Introduction.

4.1.1 This chapter presents general referents and symbols for fire prevention and visual alerting that shall be used for fire and related life safety emergencies.

4.1.2 Purpose.

- **4.1.2.1** This chapter shall provide uniform fire safety symbols to improve communication wherever signs and symbols are employed to provide fire safety information.
- **4.1.2.2** This chapter provides uniformity in the selection of symbols that shall be designed to assist in locating exits, fire safety alerting equipment, and safe areas.
- **4.1.2.3*** The fundamental imagery for symbols, as well as their background color and shape, shall be designated in this chapter.

4.1.3* Symbol Presentation.

- **4.1.3.1** The orientation for prohibition symbols shall not be altered from that shown in this chapter.
- **4.1.3.2** The symbol background shape shall be as specified in Table 4.2.
- **4.1.3.2.1*** For prohibition symbols, a circle and diagonal slash (at 45 degrees from upper left to lower right) shall be used.
- **4.1.3.3 Symbol Color.** The symbol color shall meet the requirements of ANSI Z535.1, *Safety Color Code.*
- **4.1.3.4*** Symbols shall be permitted to be used in combination with other symbols, either vertically or horizontally, on the same sign or on separate signs adjacent to each other.
- **4.2* Symbols for General Use.** The symbols for general use shall be as given in Table 4.2.
- **4.3 Class of Fire Symbols.** The symbols for class of fire shall be as given in Figure 4.3(a) and Figure 4.3(b).



Table 4.2 Symbols for General Use

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
Emergency Exit	Square field Background green Door opening white Image in green	The identification and location of an emergency exit	The location of exit for use in a fire emergency
Emergency Exit Use of Arrows — Rectangular Field	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress to the right
	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress up and to the right
1	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress down and to the right
六个	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress forward
1	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress down
4	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress to the left

(continues)



Table 4.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
T Z	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress up and to the left
	Painted version: Background color white Arrows red or black Backlit version: Doorway, arrows, and lettering in green or red	The identification and location of a route to an emergency exit	Progress down and to the left
Emergency Exit Route (Combination of Two Symbols)	Square field Background green Door opening white Image in green For arrows: Square field Green arrow on white background or white arrow on green background	The identification and location of a route to be used in an emergency	The direction to a fire exit
Accessible Emergency Exit (Combination of Two Symbols)	Square field Background green Door opening white Image in green International symbol of accessibility per ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities	The identification of a route that leads to an emergency exit that is accessible to disabled users, as specified by ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities	The location of a route toward a fire exit that is accessible to disabled users

Table 4.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
Accessible Emergency Exit Route (Combination of Three Symbols)	Square field Background green Door opening white Image in green	The identification of a route that leads to an emergency exit that is accessible to disabled users	The location of the route toward a fire exit that is accessible to disabled users
B	International symbol of accessibility per ANSI A117.1, Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities		
	For arrows: Square field Green arrow on white background or white arrow on green background		
Not an Exit	Square field Background white Door frame green Door opening white Image in black Red circle and diagonal slash	The identification of doors that do NOT lead to an exit	The location of an interior door such as one leading to a closet, an interior courtyard, or a basement
Use Stairs in Case of Fire	Square field Red flame Black figure White background	An instruction to the user to use stairs (downward egress) in case of fire	The identification that stairs are to be used in case of fire
Use Stairs in Case of Fire	Square field Red flame Black figure White background	An instruction to the user to use stairs (upward egress) in case of fire	The identification that stairs are to be used in case of fire

Table 4.2 Continued

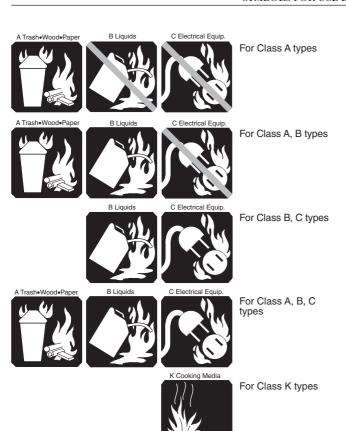
Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
Do Not Use Elevator in Case of Fire	Rectangular field Red flame Black figures White background Red circle and slash	An instruction not to use elevators in case of fire	Posted near elevator call button
No Open Flame — Flame	Circular field Red circle and slash Black image White background	The identification of areas in which open flame is prohibited	The identification of areas, such as combustible storage areas, gas stations, and hazardous areas
No Open Flame — Lighted Match	Circular field Red circle and slash Black image White background	An instruction not to use lighted matches	Where posted, the use of matches is prohibited
No Smoking	Circular field Red circle and slash Black image White background	The identification of areas in which smoking is prohibited	The identification of areas, such as those for flammable liquid storage where smoking could lead to fire or explosion
No Campfires	Circular field Red circle and slash Black image White background	The identification of areas where campfires are not permitted	The identification of areas, such as municipal parks, where campfires are not permitted

Table 4.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
Manual Station — Pull Station/Fire Alarm Box	Rectangular field Red background White flame White hand White box White horn White wave	An instruction to actuate an alarm-initiating device in a fire emergency	Posted above a manually activated initiating device
No Cooking	Square field White background Red flame Black pot and steam Red circle and slash	An instruction not to cook food in an area	Posted inside a guest room in a hotel or a student room in a college dormitory
Area of Refuge	Square field White background Red flame	The identification of an area of refuge	A designated area of refuge to be used in a fire emergency
No Hanger	Red circle and slash Black image	To prohibit hanging clothes or other items from sprinklers	Where posted
Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Automated External Defibrillator	Square field White background Red heart White bolt through the heart Black lettering	To identify the location of AEDs	Posted in airports and other places of assembly

Table 4.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Example
Fire Extinguisher	Square field Red background White symbol	For everyday use in workplaces and public areas; supplementary text sign can be used to increase comprehension	Fire safety signage, manuals, and notices
Fire Hose or Standpipe	Square field Red background White symbol	For everyday use in workplaces and public areas; supplementary text sign can be used to increase comprehension	Fire safety signage, manuals, and notices



Note: Recommended colors, per PMS (Pantone Matching System) include the following:

BLUE — 299 RED — Warm Red

FIGURE 4.3(a) Recommended Marking System. [10:Figure B.1.1]

Chapter 5 Symbols for Use by the Fire Service

5.1 Introduction.

- **5.1.1*** This chapter presents standard referents and symbols that shall be used for visually alerting fire fighters and other emergency responders during fire and related emergencies.
- **5.1.2*** Fundamental shapes of symbols, as well as the background color and shape, shall be as designated in this chapter.

5.1.3* Symbol Presentation.

5.1.3.1* Symbol Shapes. The shape of symbols shall be as illustrated in Section 5.2.

Ordinary



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Combustibles Flammable



Extinguishers suitable for Class B fires should be identified by a square containing the letter "B." If colored, the square is colored red.*

Extinguishers suitable for Class A fires should be identified by a triangle containing the letter "A." If colored, the

triangle is colored green.*

Flectrical



Extinguishers suitable for Class C fires should be identified by a circle containing the letter "C." If colored, the circle is colored blue.*

Equipment



For Class D types

Extinguishers suitable for fires involving metals should be identified by a five-pointed star containing the letter "D." If colored, the star is colored yellow.*

* Recommended colors, per PMS (Pantone Matching System) include the following:

GREEN — Basic Green RED — 192 Red BLUE — Process Blue YELLOW — Basic Yellow

FIGURE 4.3(b) Letter-Shaped Symbol Markings. [10:Figure B.2.2]

5.1.3.2 Symbol Background.

- **5.1.3.2.1** The symbol background shall be as specified in Table 5.2.
- **5.1.3.2.2** The symbol background color shall be red, white, or blue as designated and shall meet the requirements of ANSI Z535.1, *Safety Color Code*, for safety red, white, or blue.
- **5.1.3.3 Symbol Color.** The symbol color shall be safety white or blue and shall meet the requirements of ANSI Z535.1, *Safety Color Code*, for safety white or blue.
- **5.1.3.4 Symbol Orientation.** Symbol orientation shall not be altered from that shown in this chapter.
- **5.2* Symbols for Use by the Fire Service.** The symbols for use by the fire service shall be as given in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2 Symbols for Use by the Fire Service

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Examples
Fire Department Automatic Sprinkler Connection — Siamese	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of a fire department automatic sprinkler connection	The location of a single automatic sprinkler connections on buildings The location of siamese freestanding automatic sprinkler connections
Fire Department Automatic Sprinkler Connection — Single	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of a fire department automatic sprinkler connection	The location of a single automatic sprinkler connection on buildings The location of a single freestanding automatic sprinkler connection
Fire Department Standpipe Connection	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of a fire department standpipe connection	The location of standpipe connections on buildings and structures The location of freestanding standpipe connections
Fire Department Combined Automatic Sprinkler/Standpipe Connection	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of a fire department combined automatic sprinkler/standpipe connection	The location of combined sprinkler/standpipe connections on buildings The location of freestanding combined sprinkler/standpipe connections

Table 5.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Examples
Fire Hydrant (All Types)	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of a fire hydrant	The location of fire hydrants, wall hydrants, underground hydrants, or other fire-fighting water supplies
Automatic Sprinkler Control Valve	Square field Red background White symbol	The identification and location of an automatic sprinkler control valve	The location of control valves for automatic sprinkler systems On doors of rooms containing control valves
Electric Panel or Electric Shutoff	Square field Blue background White symbol	The identification and location of an electrical panel or other electric shutoff device	The location of electric panels or other electric control devices that can be located in basements or mechanical rooms
Gas Shutoff Valve	Square field Red background White symbol Red letter G	The location of a gas shutoff valve	The location of gas shutoff valves On doors of rooms containing gas shutoff valves
Fire-Fighting Hose or Standpipe Outlet	Square field Red background White symbol	The location of a fire-fighting hose or a standpipe outlet	The location of interior fire-fighting hose stations and standpipe outlets in buildings and structures The location on bridges or elevated highways

Table 5.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Examples
Fire Extinguisher	Square field Red background White symbol	The location of a fire extinguisher	The location of fire extinguishers in buildings and exterior locations
Directional Arrow	Square field Background green to correspond to accompanying sign White symbol	Direction to the location of fire-fighting equipment or utility; always used in conjunction with, and adjacent to, another symbol indicating the particular equipment or utility	
Diagonal Directional Arrow	Square field Background green to correspond to accompanying sign White symbol	Direction to the location of fire-fighting equipment or utility; always used in conjunction with, and adjacent to, another symbol indicating the particular equipment or utility	
Child Care Center	Square field Blue infant and hands White background	The identification and location of child care centers	On the door opening into child care centers At a fire department command or access point indicating presence and location of child care centers
Emergency Telephone	Red background White phone	The identification and location of fire service or emergency telephone system	
No Fire Fighting	Octagonal field White background Black truck Red prohibition symbol	To be posted on, near, or on the approach to buildings where fire fighting is not to occur	Explosives bunkers, frangible buildings, or contaminated buildings

Table 5.2 Continued

Symbol	Characteristics	Application	Examples
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	Square field White symbol Green background	To indicate the location of SCBA, breathing air connections, or refill location	For SCBA fill locations in high-rise buildings

Chapter 6 Symbols for Use in Architectural and Engineering Drawings and Insurance Diagrams

6.1* Introduction.

6.1.1 This chapter presents symbols that shall be used in drawings and diagrams.

6.1.2* Symbol Presentation.

- **6.1.2.1* Symbol Shapes.** The shape of symbols shall be as illustrated in Sections 6.2 through 7.9.
- **6.1.2.2 Screened Lines.** Screened lines in the chapter shall not be considered part of the symbol but shall be used to represent the piping, wiring, or mounting surface associated with the symbol.
- **6.1.2.3 Symbol Scale.** All scales for symbols on any one drawing shall be the same relative size.
- **6.1.2.4* Symbol Orientation.** Symbols shall be oriented to the walls, piping, electrical lines, and so forth, to which they are attached.
- 6.2 Symbols for Site Features.

6.2.1 Buildings.

- **6.2.1.1** The exterior walls of buildings shall be outlined in single thickness lines if other than fire rated and double thickness lines if fire rated.
- **6.2.1.2*** The perimeter of canopies, loading docks, and other open-walled structures shall be shown by broken lines.
- **6.2.2 Railroad Tracks.** Railroad tracks shall be shown by a single line with cross dashes, as shown in Figure 6.2.2.



FIGURE 6.2.2 Symbol for Railroad Tracks.

- 6.2.3* Streets. Streets shall be shown.
- **6.2.4* Bodies of Water.** Rivers, lakes, and so forth, shall be outlined.

6.2.5 Fences.

- **6.2.5.1** Fences shall be shown by lines with x's evenly spaced.
- 6.2.5.2* Gates shall be shown.
- **6.2.6 Property Lines.** The notation given in Figure 6.2.6 shall indicate property lines.

FIGURE 6.2.6 Notation Indicating Property Lines.

6.2.7 Fire Department Access. The symbol for fire department access shall be as shown in Figure 6.2.7.



FIGURE 6.2.7 Symbol for Fire Department Access.

- **6.2.8 Other Site Features.** For other fire protection site features, Section 7.2 shall be viewed.
- 6.3 Symbols for Building Construction.
- **6.3.1* Types of Building Construction.** Types of construction shall be shown narratively.
- **6.3.2* Height.** Height shall be shown to indicate number of stories above ground, number of stories below ground, and height from grade to eaves.
- **6.3.3* Symbols for Walls and Parapets.** Symbols for walls and parapets shall be as given in Table 6.3.3.

Table 6.3.3 Symbols for Walls and Parapets

Symbol	Description
	Wall — basic shape
 \$	Smoke barrier wall
——	½-hour fire-rated wall
→ \$	½-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
—	3⁄4-hour fire-rated wall
→ \$	¾-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
-	1-hour fire-rated wall
- ♦s	1-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
	2-hour fire-rated wall
-♦♦ \$-	2-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
	3-hour fire-rated wall
-♦♦♦ \$-	3-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
-+++-	4-hour fire-rated wall
*** \$	4-hour fire-rated/smoke barrier wall
+++	Parapet — One cross for each 150 mm (6 in.) parapet that extends above roof (Shown is plan view of symbol.)

6.3.4 Symbols for Floor Openings, Wall Openings, Roof Openings, and Their Protection. Symbols for floor openings, wall openings, roof openings, and their protection shall be as given in Table 6.3.4.

Table 6.3.4 Symbols for Floor Openings, Wall Openings, Roof Openings, and Their Protection and Life Safety Plans

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Opening in wall	
/	Rated fire door in wall (less than 3 hours)	
	Fire door in wall (3-hour rated)	
[6]	Elevator in combustible shaft	
E	Elevator in noncombustible shaft	
E]	Open hoistway	
	Escalator	
	Stairs in combustible shaft	
	Stairs in fire-rated shaft	
	Stairs in open shaft	
	Skylight	



Table 6.3.4 Continued

Symbol Description **Comments** Specify egress Egress E:__ component component: identifier EX# = Exitnumber HE =Horizontal exit EP = Exitpassageway CP = Common path of travel PD = Public discharge RD = Roomdoor ES = EscapeSpecify Egress <__> component allowable capacity number of persons through egress component (e.g., < 25 >)Governing Specify << _ _ >> component maximum capacity capacity of the egress path Left side: Travel distance __>__ Distance to egress component Right side: Egress component identifier Occupancy Top: Specify capacity capacity П Middle: Specify area [square feet (square meters)] Bottom: Specify occupant load factor Fire door Non-rated fire door

Table 6.3.4 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
S	Non-rated smoke-resistant fire door	
	20-minute fire-rated fire door	
∫ ⊳s \	20-minute fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
	½-hour fire-rated fire door	
▶ s	½-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
→	¾-hour fire-rated fire door	
→ s	%-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
•	1-hour fire-rated fire door	
♦ s	1-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
•	1½-hour fire-rated fire door	
		(continues

Table 6.3.4 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
★ s	1½-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
**	2-hour fire-rated fire door	
★ ◆\$	2-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
•••	3-hour fire-rated fire door	
◆◆◆ s	3-hour fire-rated, smoke-resistant fire door	
	Exit	Wide, black, solid line
	Exit access	Wide, black, dashed line
	Exit discharge	Wide, black, short, dashed line

6.3.5* Special Symbols for Cross-Sections. The symbols shown in Table 6.3.5 shall be used to indicate features of cross-sections. It is recognized that descriptive notes often are required.

Table 6.3.5 Special Symbols for Cross-Sections

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Fire-resistive floor or roof	
ППППППППППППППППППППППППППППППППППППППП	Wood-joisted floor or roof	
(Steel deck on steel joists)	Other floors or roofs	Note construction
	Floor/ceiling or roof/ceiling assembly	Details indicated, as necessary
=======	Floor on ground	
	Truss roof	Note construction

6.3.6 Miscellaneous Features. A number of features related to fire protection that do not fall under 6.3.1 through 6.3.5 shall be as given in Table 6.3.6.

Table 6.3.6 Miscellaneous Features

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Boiler	
②	Chimney	Describe height and construction
J	Fire escape	
	Horizontal aboveground tank	Indicate type, dimensions, construction, capacity, pressurization, and content
	Vertical aboveground tank	Indicate type, dimensions, construction, capacity, pressurization, and content
	Belowground tank	Indicate type, dimensions, construction, capacity, pressurization, and content
	Class I, Division 1 or 0	Hatch patterns for electrically classified locations
	Class I, Division 1 or Zone 1	Hatch patterns for electrically classified locations
	Class I, Division 2 or Zone 2	Hatch patterns for electrically classified locations
<u> </u>	Designates the location of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on plans	

Chapter 7 Symbols for Use in Water Supply, Extinguishing, and Sprinkler System Drawings and Insurance Diagrams

7.1* Introduction.

7.1.1 This chapter presents symbols that shall be used in drawings and diagrams.

7.1.2* Symbol Presentation.

- **7.1.2.1* Symbol Shapes.** The shape of symbols shall be as illustrated in Sections 7.2 through 7.7.
- **7.1.2.2 Screened Lines.** Screened lines in the chapter shall not be considered part of the symbol but shall be used to represent the piping, wiring, or mounting surface associated with the symbol.
- **7.1.2.3 Symbol Scale.** All scales for symbols on any one drawing shall be the same relative size.
- **7.1.2.4* Symbol Orientation.** Symbols shall be oriented to the walls, piping, electrical lines, and so forth, to which they are attached.
- **7.2* Water Supply and Distribution Symbols.** Water supply and distribution symbols shall be as given in Table 7.2.

Table 7.2 Water Supply and Distribution Symbols

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Public water main	Indicate pipe size and material
	Private water main	Indicate pipe size and material
======	Water main under building	Indicate pipe size and material
	Suction pipe	Indicate pipe size and material
	Thrust block	
\otimes	Riser	
	Valves (general)	Basic shape; indicate valve size
f	Valve in pit	Indicate valve size
SS	Post-indicator valve	Indicate valve size
5	Key-operated valve	Indicate valve size
SS	OS&Y valve (outside screw and yoke, rising stem)	Indicate valve size
SS	Indicating butterfly valve	Indicate valve size
ss	Nonindicating valve (nonrising-stem valve)	Indicate valve size

Table 7.2 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Check valve	Basic shape; indicate valve size, direction of flow
S	Backflow preventer — double check type	Also referred to as a double check valve assembly
\(\tau \)	Backflow preventer — reduced pressure zone (RPZ) type	
	Pressure-regulating valve	
	Pressure relief valve	
	Float valve	
S{\old \chi\sigma}	Meter	Indicate type
	Private hydrant, one hose outlet	Indicate size, type of thread, or connection
♦	Public hydrant, two hose outlets	Indicate size, type of thread, or connection
*	Public hydrant, two hose outlets and pumper connection	Indicate size, type of thread, or connection
77	Wall hydrant, two hose outlets	Indicate size, type of thread, or connection

Table 7.2 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
<u> </u>	Private housed hydrant, two hose outlets	Indicate size, type of thread, or connection
SS	Siamese fire department connection	Specify type, size, and angle
~~~	Freestanding siamese fire department connection	Sidewalk or pit type; specify size
SS	Single fire department connection	Specify type, size, thread, and angle
	Fire pump with driver	Specify driver type and rated capacity
434	Freestanding test header	Freestanding; specify number and sizes of outlets
4,24	Wall-mounted test header	Wall; specify number and sizes of outlets
<i>5</i>	Screen/strainer	

# 7.3 Reserved.

7.4 Symbols Related to Means of Egress. Symbols related to means of egress shall be as given in Table 7.4.

Table 7.4 Symbols Related to Means of Egress

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Emergency light, battery-powered	Number of lamps on unit to be indicated; indicate whether light head(s) [lamp(s)] is remote from battery
	Illuminated exit sign, single face	Indicate direction of flow for the face
<b>*</b>	Illuminated exit sign, double face	Indicate direction of flow for each face
	Combined battery-powered emergency light and illuminated exit sign	Number of lamps on unit to be indicated; indicate whether light head(s) [lamp(s)] is remote from battery; indicate direction of flow for the face
<b>↑⊗+</b>	Exit lighting	Exit lighting fixture, arrows, and exit face as indicated on drawings (mounting heights to be determined by job specifications) — from NECA 100, symbol 2.005
	Luminaire providing emergency illumination (filled in)	From NECA 100, symbol 2.300
———E>↑	Directional sounder — exit marking audible appliance, wall mounted	Applied from NECA 100, symbol 9.109
<b>E</b> ↑	Directional sounder — exit marking audible appliance, ceiling mounted	Applied from NECA 100, symbol 9.110
E	Directional exit indicating strip lighting appliance	Applied from NECA 100, symbol 2.002

7.5 Indicating Appliances. Symbols for indicating appliances shall be as given in Table 7.5.

**Table 7.5 Symbols for Indicating Appliances** 

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Water motor alarm (water motor gong)	Shield optional

## 7.6* Symbols for Fire Extinguishing Systems.

7.6.1 Various Types of Fire Extinguishing Systems.

7.6.1.1 Water-Based Systems. Symbols for water-based systems shall be as given in Table 7.6.1.1.

Table 7.6.1.1 Symbols for Water-Based Systems

Table 7.0.1.1 Symbols for Water-Dased Systems	
Symbol	Description
	Wet charged system — automatically actuated
	Wet charged system — manually actuated
0	Dry system — automatically actuated
	Dry system — manually actuated
<b></b>	Foam system — automatically actuated
$\otimes$	Foam system — manually actuated
•	Water mist extinguishing system — automatically actuated
•	Water mist extinguishing system — manually actuated
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7.6.1.2 Dry Chemical Systems. Symbols for dry chemical systems shall be as given in Table 7.6.1.2.

Table 7.6.1.2 Symbols for Dry Chemical Systems

Symbol	Description
	For liquid, gas, and electrical fires — automatically actuated
	For liquid, gas, and electrical fires — manually actuated
	For fires of all types (except metals) — automatically actuated
	For fires of all types (except metals) — manually actuated

7.6.1.3 Systems Utilizing a Gaseous Medium. Symbols for systems utilizing a gaseous medium shall be as given in Table 7.6.1.3.

Table 7.6.1.3 Symbols for Systems Utilizing a Gaseous Medium

Symbol	Description
	Carbon dioxide system — automatically actuated
	Carbon dioxide system — manually actuated
	Halon system or clean agent extinguishing system — automatically actuated
	Halon system or clean agent extinguishing system — manually actuated

**7.6.1.4 Supplementary Symbols.** Supplementary symbols shall be as given in Table 7.6.1.4.

**Table 7.6.1.4 Supplementary Symbols** 

Symbol	Description
AS	Fully sprinklered space
(AS)	Partially sprinklered space
NS	Nonsprinklered space
ws	Water spray system

7.6.2* Symbols for Fire Sprinklers. Symbols for fire sprinklers shall be as given in Table 7.6.2.

Table 7.6.2 Symbols for Fire Sprinklers

Symbol	Description	Comments
SS	Upright sprinkler	
\\lfloor	Pendent sprinkler	Note "DP" on drawing and/or in specifications where dry pendent sprinklers are employed
<b>ι</b> Ω	Upright sprinkler; on sprig	
<b>—</b>	Upright sprinkler on top of riser nipple	
<u> </u>	Upright sprinkler on top of riser nipple with sprig	
J	Pendent sprinkler; on drop nipple	Note "DP" on drawing and/or in specifications where dry pendent sprinklers are employed
ſſ	Sprinkler, with guard	Upright sprinkler head shown
·	Sidewall sprinkler	
ss	Outside sprinkler	Specify type, orifice size; for example, open sprinkler (window or cornice)
$ \overline{\hspace{1cm}} \hspace{1cm} 1$	Open sprinkler on branch line	
<u></u>	Open sprinkler on branch line with sprig	
	Water spray nozzle	
$-\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!\!$	Window sprinklers	

7.6.3* Symbols for Piping, Valves, Control Devices, and Hangers. Symbols for piping, valves, control devices, and hangers shall be as given in Table 7.6.3.

Table 7.6.3 Symbols for Piping, Valves, Control Devices, and Hangers

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Sprinkler piping and branch line	Indicate pipe size
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Pipe trace heater	See NECA 100, symbol 5.106
	Mechanical coupling	
<i>ss</i>	Pipe hanger	Diagonal stroke imposed on the pipe that the hanger supports
<del>\</del>	Lateral brace	
<u> </u>	Longitudinal brace	
	Four-way brace	Only used to brace risers
S	Angle valve (angle hose valve)	Indicate size, type, and other required data
	Check valve (general)	
<i>5</i>	Alarm check valve	Specify size, direction of flow
<i>ff</i>	Dry pipe valve	Specify size

Table 7.6.3 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
<i>55</i>	Dry pipe valve with quick opening device (accelerator or exhauster)	Specify size and type
<i></i>	Deluge valve	Specify size and type
ff	Preaction valve	Specify size and type

7.7 Symbols for Portable Fire Extinguishers. Symbols for portable fire extinguishers shall be as given in Table 7.7.

Table 7.7 Symbols for Portable Fire Extinguishers

Symbol	Description	Comments
$\triangle$	Portable fire extinguisher	Basic shape
$\triangle$	Water extinguisher	
	Foam extinguisher	
	Dry chemical extinguisher for liquid, gas, or electrical fires	BC type
	Dry chemical extinguisher for fires of all types (except metals)	ABC type
	CO ₂ extinguisher	
	Halon or clean agent extinguisher	
$\triangle$	Extinguisher for metal fires	

**7.8 Symbols for Fire-Fighting Equipment.** Symbols for fire-fighting equipment shall be as given in Table 7.8.

Table 7.8 Symbols for Fire-Fighting Equipment

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Fire-fighting equipment	Basic shape
	CO ₂ reel station	
	Dry chemical reel station	
	Foam reel station	
	Hose station, dry standpipe	
	Hose station, wet standpipe	
-0	Monitor nozzle, dry	Specify orifice size
	Monitor nozzle, charged	Specify orifice size

7.9* Miscellaneous Symbols. Miscellaneous symbols shall be as given in Table 7.9.

Table 7.9 Miscellaneous Symbols

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Agent storage container	Specify type of agent and mounting
Fo	Agent storage container — foam	
——————————————————————————————————————	Agent storage container — Halon	

Table 7.9 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
$\bigcirc_{\mathrm{CO}_2}$	Agent storage container — carbon dioxide	
CA	Agent storage container — clean agent	
D _{DC}	Agent storage container — dry chemical	
□ □ w _M	Agent storage container — water mist	
- Dwc	Agent storage container — wet chemical	
, <u>†</u>	Special spray nozzle	Specify type, orifice, size, other required data (shown here on pipe)
(o \( \frac{1}{2} \) \( \text{o} \)	Fusible link	Specify degrees
© Z O ETL	Fusible link with electrothermal feature	Specify degrees
(SOV)	Solenoid valve	
EOL	End of line device — resistor	
EOL	End of line device — relay	
EOLC	End of line device — capacitor	
EOL	End of line device — diode	
_		(continues)

Table 7.9 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
ATS	Transfer switch — automatic with handle	
MTS	Transfer switch — manual with handle	

Chapter 8 Symbols for Use in Electronic Fire and Smoke Detection and Notification System Drawings and Insurance Diagrams

#### 8.1* Introduction.

**8.1.1** This chapter presents symbols that shall be used in drawings and diagrams.

# 8.1.2* Symbol Presentation.

- **8.1.2.1* Symbol Shapes.** The shape of symbols shall be as illustrated in Sections 8.2 through 8.6.
- **8.1.2.2 Screened Lines.** Screened lines in the chapter shall not be considered part of the symbol but shall be used to represent the piping, wiring, or mounting surface associated with the symbol.
- **8.1.2.3 Symbol Scale.** All scales for symbols on any one drawing shall be the same relative size.
- **8.1.2.4* Symbol Orientation.** Symbols shall be oriented to the walls, piping, electrical lines, and so forth, to which they are attached.
- **8.2 Symbols for Control Panels.** Symbols for control panels shall be as given in Table 8.2.

Table 8.2 Symbols for Control Units (Panels)

Symbol	Description
	Basic shape
FACP	Fire alarm control panel
FACU	Fire alarm control unit
TPR#	Fire alarm transponder n = transponder number

Table 8.2 Continued

Symbol	Description
FAA	Fire alarm annunciator
LCD	LCD annunciator
NAC _n	Notification circuit power booster panel n = unit number
FATC	Fire alarm terminal cabinet
BATT	Battery cabinet
EVAC	Voice evacuation control unit
MIC	Remote voice evacuation microphone
GAP	Graphic annunciator panel
UPS	Uninterruptible power supply
	Power panel
CRT	CRT
PRN	Printer
ECCU	Emergency communications control unit
FSCP _{XX}	Fire suppression control panel xx denotes suppression type
FSCU _{xx}	Fire suppression control unit xx denotes suppression type

Table 8.2 Continued

Symbol	Description
AMP	Amplifier rack
ARCM	Area of refuge emergency communication system — master unit
ARCR	Area of refuge emergency communication system — remote unit
ACU	Autonomous control unit
EVAC _n	Remotely located evacuation amplifier cabiner
ESR	Elevator status/recall
DACR	Digital alarm communicator receiver
DACT	Digital alarm communicator transmitter
FAC	Fire alarm communicator
HVA	Control panel for heating, ventilation, exhaust, stairwell pressurization
PP	Purge panel
PRE	Pre-action system
RP	Relay panel
SAP	Sprinkler alarm panel
WCU	Wireless control unit

Table 8.2 Continued

Symbol	Description
MFACU	Master fire alarm control unit
PPCU	Protected premises control unit (local)
DEFACU	Dedicated function fire alarm control unit
RSFACU	Releasing service fire alarm control unit
Fire Suppression/	Releasing Service Control Unit Types:
RSFACU CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
RSFACU	Dry chemical
RSFACU	Halon
RSFACU	Foam
RSFACU	Wet chemical
RSFACU	Clean agent
RSFACU	Water mist
RSFACU	Deluge fire sprinkler

8.3* Symbols for Fire Alarms, Detection, and Related Equipment — Signal Initiating Devices and Activation Switches. Symbols for signal initiating devices and activation switches shall be as given in Table 8.3.

Table 8.3 Symbols for Signal Initiating Devices and Activation Switches

Symbol	Description
	Manual station — basic shape
F	Manual station — pull station/fire alarm box
МВ	Fire alarm master box
DK	Drill key
	Abort switch — basic shape
A	Abort switch
M	Manual releasing station
	Automatic detection and supervisory devices — basic shape
<b>(</b>	Heat detector/sensor (thermal detection) orientation not to be changed
	Heat detector/sensor — XX = type
$\bigcirc$	Heat detector — line type
<u>(5)</u>	Smoke detector/sensor — basic shape orientation not to be changed
(5)xx	Smoke detector/sensor — XX = type

Table 8.3 Continued

Symbol	Description
(5)(p) _R	Smoke/heat detector/sensor combination
(5) BT	Smoke detector/sensor — beam transmitter
(2) _{BR}	Smoke detector/sensor— beam receiver
(5)	Smoke detector/sensor for duct
<b>△</b> _{xx}	Gas detector/sensor XX = gas type
√\xx	Flame detector XX = detection type
w	Water detector
Manual Station Ty	ypes:
CO ₂	Manual station — carbon dioxide
DC	Manual station — dry chemical
HL	Manual station — Halon
FO	Manual station — foam
wc	Manual station — wet chemical
CA	Manual station — clean agent

Table 8.3 Continued

Symbol	Description	
WM	Manual station — water mist	
DL	Manual station — deluge fire sprinkler	
PRE	Manual station — preaction	
Abort Switch Type	es:	
$CO_2$	Abort switch — carbon dioxide	
	Abort switch — dry chemical	
HL	Abort switch — Halon	
FO	Abort switch — foam	
wc	Abort switch — wet chemical	
CA	Abort switch — clean agent	
WM	Abort switch — water mist	
	Abort switch — deluge fire sprinkler	
PRE	Abort switch — preaction	
Heat Detector/Sensor Types:		
A R/F	Combination rate of rise/fixed temperature	

Table 8.3 Continued

Symbol	Description	
A/C	Rate compensation	
<b>√</b> F	Fixed temperature	
	Rate of rise only	
Smoke Detector	r/Sensor Types:	
(Z) _{AS}	Air sampling	
(5) ^b	Photoelectric	
( <u>5</u> )	Ionization	
( <b>?</b> ) _R	Relay base	
(5) _{SS}	Single station	
(5) ^{SB}	Sounder base	
(5) ^{ID}	In duct	
Gas Detector/S	ensor Subscript Examples:	
<b>△</b> _{co}	Carbon monoxide	
$\bigcirc$ CO ₂	Carbon dioxide	
	from	tinues)

Table 8.3 Continued

Symbol	Description
HCL	Hydrogen chloride
CH ₄	Methane
Flame Detector/	Sensor Types:
	Ultraviolet
\(\sigma_{IR}\)	Infrared
UV/IR	Combination ultraviolet/infrared
√N _{VR}	Visible radiation
WF	Flow detector/switch
PS	Pressure detector/switch
VS	Valve supervisory switch
VS VS	Valve with valve supervisory switch
LS	Level detector/switch
TSS	Temperature supervisory switch
HT	High temperature switch

Table 8.3 Continued

Symbol	Description
ப	Low temperature switch
AIM	Addressable input module
(AOM)	Addressable output module
AIO ₂	Addressable input/output module; # denotes number of inputs and outputs
R	Non-addressable output relay

# 8.4 Notification Appliances.

**8.4.1** Notification appliance subscripts shall be applied to symbols as required for clarification (*see Table 8.4.1*).

Table 8.4.1 Notification Appliance Subscripts

Subscript	Meaning
WP	Weatherproof
WG	Wire guard
H	High audible setting
L	Low audible setting
C	Ceiling mount
nW	Wattage setting $(n = \text{speaker tap})$
P	Pendent
SL	Signal light
RI	Remote indicator

8.4.2 Notification Appliances. Symbols for notification appliances shall be as given in Table 8.4.2.

Table 8.4.2 Symbols for Notification Appliances

Symbol	Description
	Audible appliance — basic shape
Н	Horn only
M	Mini-horn
C	Chime — electronic
▼.5W	Speaker only, wall mount — denote wattage tap
S C	Speaker only, ceiling mount — denote wattage tap
O V	Bell — vibrating
O ss	Bell — single stroke
O T	Bell — trouble
G	Gong
C	Chime

Table 8.4.2 Continued

Symbol	Description
CD	Visible only (strobe) — wall mount CD = candela rating/setting
CD	Visible only (strobe) — ceiling mount CD = candela rating/setting
×	Rotating beacon
CD 🗸	Combination horn/visible CD = candela rating/setting
CD 1W	Combination speaker/visible W = wattage CD = candela rating/setting
RI	Remote indicator
RTS	Remote alarm indicating and test switch
RI	Ceiling mount indicator

8.4.3 Emergency Communications Notification Appliances. Symbols for emergency communication appliances shall be as given in Table 8.4.3.

**Table 8.4.3 Symbols for Emergency Communications** Notification Appliances

Symbol	Description
M CD	Visible only (strobe) — wall mount CD = candela rating/setting
M CD	Visible only (strobe) — ceiling mount CD = candela rating/setting



Table 8.4.3 Continued

Symbol	Description
w CD	Combination speaker/visible — wall mount CD = candela rating/setting, W = wattage
w CD	Combination speaker/visible — ceiling mount CD = candela rating/setting, W = wattage
ET	Emergency textual visible appliance

8.5 Related Equipment. Symbols for related equipment shall be as given in Table 8.5.

Table 8.5 Symbols for Related Equipment

Symbol	Description
DH	Door holder
DCL	Door closer
DCL	Integrated smoke sensor and door closer
<b>-</b>	End of line resistor
C	Fire service or emergency phone station — basic shape
	Fire service or emergency phone station — jack
<b>C</b> _H	Fire service or emergency phone station — handset
<b>C</b> _A	Fire service or emergency phone station — accessible
SA	Sync adapter module (strobe synchronization)

Table 8.5 Continued

Symbol	Description
ISO	Isolator module (Style 6 or 7 fault protection)
JB	Junction box
	Air sampling detector piping
WT	Watchman's tour station

8.6 Symbols for Smoke/Pressurization Control. Symbols for smoke/pressurization controls shall be as given in Table 8.6.

Table 8.6 Symbols for Smoke/Pressurization Controls

Symbol	Description	Comments
8	Purge controls — manual control	
8 H HOA	Hand (manual)/ off-automatic	
<b>*</b>	Fans — general	Arrow indicates direction of flow
	Fans — duct	Arrow indicates direction of flow
(h)	Fans — roof	Arrow indicates direction of flow
*	Fans — wall	Arrow indicates direction of flow
•	Dampers — fire	

Table 8.6 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
②	Dampers — smoke	
<u>•</u>	Dampers — fire/smoke	
② _M	Dampers — motorized fire/smoke	
	Dampers — barometric	
	Pressurized stairwell	Orient as required for base or head injection
	Ventilation openings	Orient as required for intake or exhaust

Chapter 9 Symbols for Use in Pre-Incident Planning **Sketches** 

## 9.1 Introduction.

- 9.1.1* This chapter presents symbols that shall be used in preincident planning sketches.
- 9.1.2* Symbol Shapes. The symbol shapes shall be chosen for their ease of reproduction by either freehand drawing or with the use of templates.
- 9.2* Access Features, Assessment Features, Ventilation Features, and Utility Shutoffs. Symbols for access features, assessment features, ventilation features, and utility shutoffs shall be as given in Table 9.2.

Table 9.2 Symbols for Access Features, Assessment Features, Ventilation Features, and Utility Shutoffs

Symbol	Description	Comments
$\triangle$	Access features, assessment features, ventilation features, and utility shutoffs	Basic shape
FD	Access feature — fire department access point	
K	Access feature — fire department key box	
RA	Access feature — roof access	
AP	Assessment feature — fire alarm annunciator panel	
RP	Assessment feature — fire alarm reset panel	
CP	Assessment feature — fire alarm voice communication panel	
SP	Assessment feature — smoke control and pressurization panel	
WB	Assessment feature — sprinkler system water flow bell	
SL	Ventilation feature — skylight	
SV	Ventilation feature — smoke vent	
E	Utility shutoff — electric	
<u>√</u> w	Utility shutoff — domestic water	
	1	(continues)



Table 9.2 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments	
G	Utility shutoff — gas		
LPG	Specific variations — LP-Gas shutoff		
NG	Specific variations — natural gas shutoff		
CNG	Specific variations — compressed natural gas shutoff		

9.3 Detection/Extinguishing Equipment. Symbols for detection/ extinguishing equipment shall be as given in Table 9.3.

Table 9.3 Symbols for Detection/Extinguishing Equipment

Symbol	Description	Comments
$\bigcirc$	Detection/ extinguishing equipment	Basic shape
DD	Duct detector	
HD	Heat detector	
SD	Smoke detector	
FS	Flow switch (water)	
PS	Manual station — pull station/fire alarm box	
TS	Tamper switch	

Table 9.3 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
HL	Halon system	
DC	Dry chemical system	
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide system	
WC	Wet chemical system	
FO	Foam system	
CA	Clean agent system	
BSD	Beam smoke detector	

9.4 Water Flow Control Valves and Water Sources. Symbols for water flow control valves and water sources shall be as given in Table 9.4.

Table 9.4 Symbols for Water Flow Control Valves and Water Sources

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Water flow control valves and water sources	Basic shape
PIV	Post-indicator valve	
RV	Riser valve	
ZV	Sprinkler zone valve	

Table 9.4 Continued

Symbol	Description	Comments
SCV	Sectional control valve	
HC	Hose cabinet or connection	
WH	Wall hydrant	
TH	Test header (fire pump)	
TC	Inspector's test connection	
FH	Fire hydrant	
FDC	Fire department connection	
DS	Drafting site	
WT	Water tank	

^{9.5} Equipment Rooms. Symbols for equipment rooms shall be as given in Table 9.5.

9.6* Identification of Hazardous Materials. NFPA 704, Standard System for the Identification of the Hazards of Materials for Emergency Response, shall be permitted to be used to identify the location of hazardous materials within a structure.

**Table 9.5 Symbols for Equipment Rooms** 

Symbol	Description	Comments
	Equipment rooms	Basic shape
AC	Air-conditioning equipment room	AHUs = air-handling units
EE	Elevator equipment room	
EG	Emergency generator room	
FP	Fire pump room	
TE	Telephone equipment room	
BR	Boiler room	
ET	Electrical/ transformer room	

Chapter 10 Symbology for Emergency Management **Mapping** 

10.1 Damage Operational Symbols. Table 10.1 shall be used to cross-reference the damage operational symbols with their definitions.

Table 10.1 Damage Operational Symbology Reference

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Definitions
Incident (No levels) (violet)	$\Diamond$	Not applicable
Natural Event (No levels) (black)	$\Diamond$	Not applicable
Operation (Level 1) (green)		Fully operational/open
Operation (Level 2) (blue)		Operational, but filled to capacity or otherwise closed
Operation (Level 3) (orange)		Operational, but partially damaged or partially incapacitated
Operation (Level 4) (red)		Destroyed or totally incapacitated

Table 10.1 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Definitions
Infrastructure (Level 1) (green)		Fully operational/open
Infrastructure (Level 2) (blue)		Operational, but filled to capacity or otherwise closed
Infrastructure (Level 3) (orange)		Operational, but partially damaged or partially incapacitated
Infrastructure (Level 4) (red)		Destroyed or totally incapacitated

## 10.2 Operations Symbology.

10.2.1 Organizations, services, capabilities, or resources available during or implemented due to an emergency management situation.

10.2.2 Table 10.2.2 shall be used to cross-reference the operations symbols with their definitions.

Table 10.2.2 Operations Symbology Reference

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Operations Background Symbol (Background)		!	The background fill shape for the Operations symbol, Level 1
Operations Frame Symbol (Frame)	$\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc\bigcirc$	#	The frame shape for the Operations symbol, Level 1
Emergency Medical Operation (Theme)	* * *	A	Urgent and unexpected medicinal treatment and/or transport during serious situation that require immediate action ¹
Ambulance (Emergency Medical Feature)		В	A vehicle for taking sick or wounded people to and from a hospital
EMT Station Locations (Emergency Medical Feature)		С	The locus of an emergency medical team
Medical Evacuation Helicopter Station (Emergency Medical Feature)		D	The locus of an emergency helicopter landing pad, utilized to transport severely injured persons
Health Department Facility (Emergency Medical Feature)		E	The locus of a facility operated by a public institution that is dedicated to promotion of health and prevention of disease at the community, county, state, or national level ²
Hospital (Emergency Medical Feature)		F	The locus of an institution where the sick or injured are given medical or surgical care
Hospital Ship (Emergency Medical Feature)		G	The locus of a ship where the sick or injured are given medical or surgical care
Medical Facilities Outpatient (Emergency Medical Feature)		Н	The locus of a facility providing medical treatment to patients whose sickness or injury does not require hospitalization
Morgue (Emergency Medical Feature)		I	The locus of a place where the bodies of persons found dead are kept until identified and claimed by relatives or released for burial ³

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Table 10.2.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions	
Pharmacies (Emergency Medical Feature)	<b>R R R</b>	Ј	The locus of a place where medicines are compounded or dispensed ³	
Triage (Emergency Medical Feature)		K	The locus of a place where sorting and allocation of treatment to patients (especially victims of war or disaster) are performed according to a system of priorities designed to maximize the number of survivors ³	
Emergency Operation (Theme)		L	Those actions taken during the emergency period to protect life and property, care for the people affected, and temporarily restore essential community services ⁴	
Emergency Collection/Evacuation Point (Emergency Operation Feature)		M	A designated place where displaced persons or victims of war or disaster are assembled and/or evacuated from	
Emergency Incident Command Center (Emergency Operation Feature)		N	The physical location from which an incident commander manages an incident ⁵	
Emergency Operations Center (Emergency Operation Feature)		O	The physical location where an organization comes together during an emergency to coordinate response and recovery actions and resources and make management decisions ⁶	
Emergency Public Information Center (Emergency Operation Feature)		P	No definition	
Emergency Public Service Center (Emergency Operation Feature)	? ? ?	Q	No definition	
Emergency Shelters (Emergency Operation Feature)		R	The locus of a designated emergency/relief shelter	
Emergency Staging Areas (Emergency Operation Feature)		S	A designated place where emergency response forces, equipment, and supplies are assembled prior to engagement in operations	

Table 10.2.2 Continued

<b>Symbol Types and Terms</b>	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Emergency Teams (Emergency Operation Feature)		Т	The locus of an emergency response team
Emergency Water Distribution Center (Emergency Operation Feature)		U	A place where potable water is distributed to displaced persons or victims of war or disaster
Emergency Food Distribution Centers (Emergency Operation Feature)		V	A place where food is distributed to displaced persons or victims of war or disaster
Fire Suppression Operation (Theme)		W	The extinguishing of a burning (and flaming) object by means of applying an agent, such as water ⁷
Fire Hydrant (Fire Suppression Feature)		X	A discharge pipe with a valve and spout from which water can be drawn from a water main in sufficient volume and at sufficient pressure for fire-fighting purposes ⁸
Other Water Supply Location (Fire Suppression Feature)		Y	Any source of water other than a fire hydrant that is sufficient for the purpose of fire fighting
Fire Station (Fire Suppression Feature)		Z	A facility housing fire-fighting equipment and/or personnel
Law Enforcement Operation (Theme)		a	Act of ensuring obedience to the laws ⁹
ATF (Law Enforcement Feature)	ATF ATF ATF	b	A locus of U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms facilities, equipment, or personnel
Border Patrol (Law Enforcement Feature)		<u>с</u>	A locus of U.S. Border Patrol facilities, equipment, or personnel



Table 10.2.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Syn	mbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Customs Service (Law Enforcement Feature)		a c	d	A locus of U.S. Customs Service facilities, equipment, or personnel
<b>DEA</b> (Law Enforcement Feature)	DEA DEA	DEA) DEA	e	A locus of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration facilities, equipment, or personnel
DOJ (Law Enforcement Feature)			f	A locus of U.S. Department of Justice facilities, equipment, or personnel
FBI (Law Enforcement Feature)	FBI FBI	FBI FBI	g	A locus of Federal Bureau of Investigation facilities, equipment, or personnel
Police (Law Enforcement Feature)			h	A locus of federal, state, or local police facilities, equipment, or personnel
Prison (Law Enforcement Feature)			i	A facility for the confinement of persons convicted of serious crimes ³
Secret Service (Law Enforcement Feature)			j	A locus of U.S. Secret Service facilities, equipment, or personnel
TSA (Law Enforcement Feature)	TSA TSA	TSA) (TSA	k	A locus of U.S. Transportation Security Administration facilities, equipment, or personnel
U.S. Coast Guard (Law Enforcement Feature)			1	A locus of U.S. Coast Guard facilities, equipment, or personnel
U.S. Marshals Service (Law Enforcement Feature)			m	A locus of U.S. Marshals Service facilities, equipment, or personnel

Table 10.2.2 Continued

<b>Symbol Types and Terms</b>	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Sensor Operation (Theme)		n	A device that receives and responds to a signal or stimulus ⁹
Biological Sensor (Sensor Operation Feature)		o	A device designed to respond to the presence of one or more biological substances and to transmit a resulting impulse ¹⁰
Chemical Sensor (Sensor Operation Feature)		p	A device designed to respond to the presence of one or more chemicals and to transmit a resulting impulse ¹⁰
Intrusion Sensor (Sensor Operation Feature)		q	A device designed to respond to physical penetration of, or attempts to physically penetrate, a protected area or spatial volume and to transmit a resulting impulse ¹⁰
Nuclear Sensor (Sensor Operation Feature)		r	A device designed to respond to one or more decay product(s) of one or more radioactive nuclides and to transmit a resulting impulse ¹¹
Radiological Sensor (Sensor Operation Feature)		s	A device designed to respond to one or more decay product(s) of one or more radioactive nuclides and to transmit a resulting impulse ¹¹

¹Source: www.dictionary.com; combined definition of emergency and medical.

² Source: Based on the APHA public health mission statement.

³Source: Merriam-Webster Online.

⁴Source: Adapted from San Diego State University Emergency Plan Glossary, http://bfa.sdsu.edu/ emergencyplan/glossary.htm.

 $^{{}^5\}textit{Source} : \textbf{Commonwealth of Virginia ICS, www.vdfp.state.va.us/components.htm.}$ 

⁶Source: EMS web site, www.emsresponder.com.

⁷Source: Adapted from www.firewise.org glossary of terms.

⁸ Source: Adapted from Merriam-Webster Online definition of hydrant.

⁹ Source: www.dictionary.com.

¹⁰Source: Adapted from Merriam-Webster Online definition of sensor.

¹¹ Source: Adapted from Merriam-Webster Online definition of sensor and knowledge of the process, detection, and measurement of radioactivity.

## 10.3 Incidents Symbology.

10.3.1 Table 10.3.2 shall be used to depict 8 themes and 42 features that symbolize a "cause of action" or a "source of disaster."

10.3.2 Table 10.3.2 shall be used to cross-reference the incidents symbols with their definitions.

Table 10.3.2 Incidents Symbology Reference

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions		
Background Symbol (Background)		!	The background fill shape for the Incidents symbol, Level 1		
Incidents Stage 01 Frame Symbol (Frame)	$\Diamond$	#	The frame shape for the Incidents symbol, Level 1		
Civil Disturbance Incident (Theme)		A	Human activities resulting in the disrupting of services or requiring varying levels of support, law enforcement, or attention		
Civil Demonstrations (Civil Disturbance Feature)		В	A public display of group feelings toward a person or cause ¹		
Civil Displaced Population (Civil Disturbance Feature)	† † †	С	Persons or groups of people who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, violations of human rights, or natural or human-made disasters ²		
Civil Rioting (Civil Disturbance Feature)	l Disturbance		A public disturbance involving (1) an act or acts of violence by one or more persons part of an assemblage of three or more persons, which act or acts shall constitute a clear and present danger of, or shall result in, damage or injury to the property of any other person or to the person of any other individual, or (2) a threat or threats of the commission of an act or acts of violence by one or more persons part of an assemblage of three or more persons having, individually or collectively, the ability of immediate execution of such threat or threats, where the performance of the threatened act or acts of violence would constitute a clear and present danger of, or would result in, damage or injury to the property of any other person or to the person of any other individual ³		
Criminal Activity Incident (Theme)	<b>6</b>	E	An unlawful pursuit or action in which an individual participates ⁴		

Table 10.3.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions		
Bomb Threat (Criminal Activity Feature)		F	A warning of the possible presence of a bomb or expression of the intention to detonate a bomb		
Bomb (Criminal Activity Feature)		G	An explosive device fused to detonate under specific conditions ⁵		
Bomb Explosion (Criminal Activity Feature)	ENM _Z	Н	A violent outburst resulting from detonation of a chemical or nuclear explosive or from the loss of a high pressure vessel's integrity		
Looting (Criminal Activity Feature)		I	Burglary committed within an affected area during are emergency ⁶		
Poisoning (Criminal Activity Feature)		J	Use of a poisonous substance to injure or kill ¹		
Shooting (Criminal Activity Feature)	<b>P</b>	K	Use of a firearm to kill or injure or to damage property ¹		
Fire Incident (Theme)		L	The destructive act of something burning, caused by electrical or technological malfunction, lightning, arson, human error, or human negligence		
Hot Spot (Fire Incident Feature)		P	An area of intensified fire activity and increased heat or a particularly active part of a fire		
Non-Residential Fire (Fire Incident Feature)		Q	A fire that originates at or affects a non-residential or commercial facility, resulting in partial damage or total destruction of the structure and/or bodily injury, smoke inhalation, or death		
Origin (Fire Incident Feature)		R	Location of where the fire started ⁷		



Table 10.3.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions		
Residential Fire (Fire Incident Feature)			A fire affecting a home or housing complex, resulting in partial or total destruction of the structure and/or bodily injury, smoke inhalation, or death		
School Fire (Fire Incident Feature)		T	A fire that originates at or affects an educational facility, resulting in partial or total destruction of the structure and/or bodily injury, smoke inhalation, or death		
Smoke (Fire Incident Feature)		U	The visible products of combustion rising above the fire ⁸		
Special Needs Fire (Fire Incident Feature)		V	A fire that affects special treatment facilities, such as nursing homes or assisted living centers, resulting in partial or total destruction of the structure and/or bodily injury, smoke inhalation, or death		
Wild Fire (Fire Incident Feature)		W	An uncontrolled fire in a wooded area ⁹		
Hazardous Incident (Theme)		X	See footnote. ¹⁰		
Chemical Agent (Hazardous Incident Feature)		Y	A chemical substance that is intended for use in military operations to kill, resulting in psychological disorientation, serious injury, incapacitation, or death ¹¹		
Corrosive Material (Hazardous Incident Feature)	***	Z	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a liquid or solid that causes full thickness destruction of human skin at the site of contact within a specified period of time		
Dangerous When Wet (Hazardous Incident Feature)		a	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a material that, by contact with water, is liable to become spontaneously flammable or to give off flammable or toxic gas at a rate greater than 1 L/hr per kilogram of the material per hour (0.48 qt/hr/lb)		
Explosive (Hazardous Incident Feature)		b	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of any substance or article, including a device that is designed to function by explosion (i.e., an extremely rapid release of gas and heat) or that, by chemical reaction within itself, is able to function in a similar manner even if not designed to function by explosion		

Table 10.3.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions		
Flammable Gas (Hazardous Incident Feature)		С	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of any material that is a gas at 20°C (68°F) or less and 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia) of pressure [a material that has a boiling point of 20°C (68°F) or less at 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia)], that is ignitible at 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia) when in a mixture of 13 percent or less by volume with air, or that has a flammable range at 101.3 kPa (14.7 psia) with air of at least 12 percent regardless of the lower limit		
Flammable Liquid (Hazardous Incident Feature)	400	d	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a liquid having a flash point of not more than 60.5°C (141°F)		
Flammable Solid (Hazardous Incident Feature)		e	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of desensitized explosives that when dry are explosives of Class 1, which are wetted with sufficient water, alcohol, or plasticizer to suppress explosive properties		
Nonflammable Gas (Hazardous Incident Feature)		f	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of any material (or mixture) that exerts in the packaging an absolute pressure of 280 kPa (40.6 psia) or greater at 20°C (68°F) and is not classified as a flammable gas		
Organic Peroxides (Hazardous Incident Feature)		g	No definition		
Oxidizers (Hazardous Incident Feature)		h	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a material that can, generally by yielding oxygen, cause or enhance the combustion of other materials		
Radioactive Material (Hazardous Incident Feature)		i	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of any material having a specific activity greater than 70 Bq/g (17 $\mu$ Ci/oz)		
Spontaneously Combustible (Hazardous Incident Feature)		j	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a liquid or solid that, even in small quantities and without an external ignition source, can ignite within five (5) minutes after coming in contact with air or a material that, when in contact with air and without an energy supply, is liable to self-heat		
Toxic Gas (Hazardous Incident Feature)		k	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a gas that presents a hazard to human health		

Table 10.3.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions		
Foxic and Infectious (Hazardous Incident Feature)		1	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of a poisonous substance that is a specific product of the metabolic activities of a living organism and is usually very unstable and can easily be transferred between organisms		
Unexploded Ordnance (Hazardous Incident Feature)	<b>(i)</b>	m	Uncontrolled or potentially dangerous presence of arunexploded weapon or ammunition		
Air Incident (Theme)	•	n	An event involving aircraft resulting in damage, bodily injury, death, or the disruption of transportation service		
Air Accident (Air Incident Feature)	(pd)	0	A sudden, unexpected event involving aircraft resulting in fuselage damage, bodily injury, death, and/or the disruption of transportation service, prompting emergency landing procedures or uncontrolled impact with the ground		
Air Hijacking (Air Incident Feature)	<b>\$</b>	p	The unexpected, unlawful, and forceful seizure of control aboard an aircraft by an individual or group of individuals resulting in passenger and crew endangerment, injury or death, and/or the redirection of flight destination 12		
Marine Incident (Theme)	(m)	q	An event involving a boat or ship and resulting in damage, bodily injury, death, or the disruption of transportation service		
Marine Accident (Marine Incident Feature)	42	r	A sudden, unexpected event involving a boat or ship and resulting in vessel submerging, damage, bodily injury, death, and/or the disruption of transportation service		
Marine Hijacking (Marine Incident Feature)		s	The unexpected, unlawful, and forceful seizure of control aboard a boat or ship by an individual or group of individuals resulting in passenger and crew endangerment, injury or death, and/or the redirection of destination 12		
Rail Incident (Theme)	POR	t	An event involving a train and resulting in damage, bodily injury, death, or the disruption of transportation service		
Rail Accident (Rail Incident Feature)		u	A sudden, unexpected event involving a wheeled or tracked vehicle resulting in derailment, damage, bodily injury, death, and/or the disruption of transportation service		

Table 10.3.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Rail Hijacking (Rail Incident Feature)		v	The unexpected, unlawful, and forceful seizure of control aboard a wheeled or tracked vehicle by an individual or group of individuals resulting in passenger and crew endangerment, injury or death, and/or the redirection of destination 12
Vehicle Incident (Theme)		w	An event involving a wheeled or tracked vehicle and resulting in damage, bodily injury, death, or the disruption of transportation service
Vehicle Accident (Vehicle Incident Feature)		х	A sudden, unexpected event involving a vehicle and resulting in damage, bodily injury, death, and/or the disruption of transportation service
Vehicle Hijacking (Vehicle Incident Feature)		у	The unexpected, unlawful, and forceful seizure of control aboard a vehicle by an individual or group of individuals resulting in passenger and crew endangerment, injury or death, and/or the redirection of destination ¹²

### Notes:

¹ Source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary.

² Source: United Nations Guiding Principles on Internally Displaced Persons, 1998.

³ Source: 18 USC Section 2102.

⁴ Source: www.dictionary.com; combined definitions of criminal and activity.

⁵ *Source:* International military definition.

^{• &}lt;sup>6</sup> Source: http://peace-officers.com glossary.

⁷ Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, www.fs.fed.us.

⁸ Source: www.firewise.org

⁹ Source: www.realdictionary.com.

¹⁰ All the proposed definitions for hazardous incident are from the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Hazmat Regulations and Interpretations.

¹¹ Source: Adapted from NATO definition, www.nato.int/docu/stanag/aap006/aap6.htm.

¹² Source: www.dictionary.com, definition of hijack.

## 10.4 Natural Events Symbology.

**10.4.1** A natural event shall be a phenomenon found in or created by naturally occurring conditions.

**10.4.2** Table 10.4.2 shall be used to cross-reference the natural events symbols with their definitions.

Table 10.4.2 Natural Events Symbology Reference

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definition	
Natural Events Stage 01 Background Symbol (Background)	<b>•</b>	!	The background fill shape for the Natural Events symbol, Level 1	
Natural Events Stage 01 Frame Symbol (Frame)	$\Diamond$	#	The frame shape for the Natural Events symbol, Level 1	
Geologic (Theme)	Reserved			
Aftershock (Geologic Feature)		A	An earthquake that follows a larger earthquake and originates at or near the latter's focus ¹	
Avalanche (Geologic Feature)		В	A large mass of snow, ice, soil, or rock, or mixtures of these materials, falling, sliding, or flowing very rapidly under the force of gravity ¹	
Earthquake Epicenter (Geologic Feature)		С	The point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake ¹	
Landslide (Geologic Feature)		D	A general term for a wide variety of processes and landforms involving the down slope movement under the force of gravity of masses of soil and rock material ¹	
Subsidence (Geologic Feature)	•	E	Sinking or downward settling of the Earth's surface ¹	
Volcanic Eruption (Geologic Feature)		F	The ejection of volcanic materials (lava, pyroclasts, and volcagases) from a vent or fissure in the Earth's crust ¹	
Volcanic Threat (Geologic Feature)		G	A vent or fissure in the Earth's crust where volcanic eruption is believed to be imminent ²	

Table 10.4.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definition
Hydro-Meteorologic (Theme)	Reserved		
Drizzle (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	$\Diamond$	Н	Sometimes called <i>mist</i> ; very small, numerous, and uniformly dispersed water droplets that appear to float while following air currents and that, unlike fog droplets, fall to the ground
Drought (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)		I	A period of abnormally dry weather sufficiently prolonged for the lack of water to cause a serious hydrologic imbalance across the affected area. Drought severity depends upon the degree of moisture deficiency, the duration, and (to a lesser extent) the size of the affected area. In general, the term should be reserved for periods of moisture deficiency that are relatively extensive in both space and time.
Flood (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)		J	A relatively high stream flow that overtops the stream banks in any part of its course, covering land that is not normally under water ¹ ; a condition that occurs when water overflows the natural or artificial confines of a stream or other body of water, or accumulates by drainage over low-lying areas
Fog (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	<b>\rightarrow</b>	K	A visible aggregate of minute water droplets suspended in the atmosphere near the Earth's surface [According to international definition, fog reduces visibility to less than 1 km (½ mi). Fog differs from clouds only in that the base of the fog is at the Earth's surface, while clouds are above the surface.]
Hail (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	$\Diamond$	L	Precipitation in the form of circular or irregular-shaped lumps of ice 3
Inversion (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	•	М	A departure from the standard decrease or increase with altitude of value of an atmosphere property; almost always used to mean temperature inversion
Rain (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	<b>\Q</b>	N	Precipitation in the form of liquid water drops that have diameters greater than 0.5 mm (0.2 in.)
Sand Dust Storm (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	<b>\$</b>	0	A strong wind carrying sand through the air, the diameter of most of the particles ranging from 0.08 mm to 1 mm (0 to 0.04 in.); in contrast to a dust storm, sand particles mostly confined to the lowest 0.6 m (2 ft) and rarely rising more than 15.2 m (50 ft) above the ground
Snow (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)		P	Precipitation composed of white or translucent ice crystals, chiefly of complex branched hexagonal form and often agglomerated into snowflakes

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Table 10.4.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definition
Thunderstorm (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)		Q	A consequence of atmospheric instability that constitutes an overturning of layers in order to achieve a more stable atmosphere; generally produces lightning, thunder, strong gusts of wind, heavy rain, and sometimes hail
Tornado (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)		R	A violently rotating column, or funnel, of air in contact with the ground and extending from the base of a thunderstorm ³
Tropical Cyclone (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	<b>♦</b>	S	The general term for a cyclone that originates over the tropical oceans
Tsunami (Hydro-Meteorologic Feature)	<b>♦</b>	T	A great sea wave produced by an earthquake or volcanic eruption, characterized by high speed of propagation, long wavelength, long period, and low observable amplitude on the open ocean ¹ ; can reach enormous dimensions and has sufficient energy to travel across entire oceans; no connection with tides, as can be inferred from the commonly used term <i>tidal wave</i>
Infestation (Theme)	Reserved		
Bird Infestation (Infestation Feature)		U	A harassing or troublesome invasion of birds ⁴
Insect Infestation (Infestation Feature)		V	A harassing or troublesome invasion of insects
Microbial Infestation (Infestation Feature)		W	A harassing or troublesome invasion of microbes
Reptile Infestation (Infestation Feature)		X	A harassing or troublesome invasion of reptiles
Rodent Infestation (Infestation Feature)		Y	A harassing or troublesome invasion of rodents



¹ Source: Dictionary of Geological Terms, 3rd edition.
² Source: Logical extension of volcanic eruption.

Source: Adapted from National Weather Service glossary, www.nws.noaa.gov/glossary.htm.
 Source: Derived from the definition of *infestation* in FactMonster.com dictionary.

## 10.5 Infrastructures Symbology.

10.5.1 Infrastructure shall be the basic facilities, services, and installations needed for the functioning of a community or society, such as transportation and communications systems, water and power lines, and public institutions, including schools, post offices, and prisons.

10.5.2 Table 10.5.2 shall be used to cross-reference the infrastructures symbols with their definitions.

Table 10.5.2 Infrastructure Symbology Reference

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Infrastructures Background Symbol (Background)		!	The background fill shape for the Infrastructures symbol, Level 1
Infrastructures Frame Symbol (Frame)		#	The frame shape for the Infrastructures symbol, Level 1
Agriculture and Food Infrastructure (Theme)		\$	Production and retail services of foodstuffs
Agricultural Laboratory (Agriculture and Food Feature)		%	Facilities used for scientific research in farming
Animal Feedlot (Agriculture and Food Feature)		&:	Area designated for feeding livestock
Commercial Food Distribution Center (Agriculture and Food Feature)		(	Facility used for the disbursement of marketable foodstuffs
Farm/Ranch (Agriculture and Food Feature)	5+         5+         5+	)	A piece of land on which crops or animals are raised
Food Production Center (Agriculture and Food Feature)		*	The locus where foodstuffs are produced
Food Retail (Agriculture and Food Feature)		+	Facility where foodstuffs are sold for a profit
Grain Storage (Agriculture and Food Feature)		,	Facility used for the housing of cereal seeds such as corn, wheat, or barley

Table 10.5.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Banking, Finance, and Insurance Infrastructure (Theme)	\$ \$ \$	-	The management of money and other assets and their protection
ATM (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)			An unattended machine commonly located at a bank's exterior that dispenses money when a personal coded card is inserted ²
Bank (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)	<b>\$ \$ \$</b>	/	A business establishment in which money is kept for saving for commercial purposes or is invested, supplied for loans, or exchanged ¹
Bullion Storage (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)		0	A facility used to deposit and warehouse gold or silver bars or ingots ³
Federal Reserve Bank (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)		1	One of twelve regional banks that monitor and act as depositories for banks in their region ²
Financial Exchange (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)	\$\ \s\\$\ \s\\$\\$\ \s\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\\$\	2	A marketplace in which shares, options, and futures on stocks, bonds, commodities, and indexes are traded ⁴
Financial Service Other (Banking, Finance, and Insurance Feature)	<u>*</u> \$ <u>*</u> \$	3	A business establishment, other than a bank, for the provision of financial or monetary-related products and services; a location that deals with money management business
Commercial Infrastructure (Theme)		4	The locus of where a business enterprise is undertaken ²
Chemical Plant (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		5	An industrial site where chemical substances and/or compounds are produced ²
Firearm Manufacturer (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		6	A location where hand weapons of explosive force when shot are mass produced ⁵
Firearm Retailer (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		7	A location where hand weapons of explosive force when shot are sold ⁶

Table 10.5.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Hazardous Material Production (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		8	The locus of where hazardous chemicals and/or substances are produced and stored under regulated conditions
Hazardous Material Storage (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		9	A storing location for a substance or combination of substances that, because of quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, radiological, explosive, or infectious characteristics poses a potential danger to humans and/or the environment ⁷
Industrial Site (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		·	The locus of an industrial facility or facilities used for the commercial production and selling of manufactured goods ¹
Landfill (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		;	An area of land or an excavation in which wastes are placed for permanent disposal, and which is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well, or waste pile ⁸
Pharmaceutical Manufacturer (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)	R R R	=	The location where medicinal drugs are mass produced ⁹
Superfund Site National Priorities List (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		}	A location in the United States that has been contaminated by hazardous waste and identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a candidate for cleanup because it poses a risk to human health and/or the environment ¹⁰
Toxic Release Inventory (Commercial Infrastructure Feature)		@	The location according to a publicly available database of chemical and other toxic waste releases ¹⁰
Educational Facilities Infrastructure (Theme)		A	A building or collection of buildings or places in which knowledge is provided ¹¹
College/University (Educational Facilities Feature)		В	An institution of higher learning offering courses of studies leading to bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees ¹²
School (Educational Facilities Feature)		С	A facility for the primary and secondary education of children ¹³



Table 10.5.2 Continued

Symbol Types and Terms	Symbols	Keystroke	Definitions
Energy Facilities Infrastructure (Theme)		D	A building or collection of buildings and/or places that generates and provides electrical power
Generation Station (Energy Facilities Feature)		E	A facility equipped with special equipment used for the production of heat or electricity ¹⁴
Natural Gas Facility (Energy Facilities Feature)		F	A location equipped with special equipment used to generate natural gas power
Nuclear Facility (Energy Facilities Feature)		G	A location equipped with special equipment used to generate nuclear power
Petroleum Facility (Energy Facilities Feature)		Н	A building or place that provides and distributes petroleum gas
Propane Facility (Energy Facilities Feature)		I	A building or place that provides and distributes propane gas
Government Site Infrastructure (Theme)		J	The locus of where executive, legislative, and/or judicial activities take place in the service of the government
Military Infrastructure (Theme)		К	Refers collectively to the four major branches of the United States' armed forces as associated with armed services as contrasted with civilians
Military Armory (Military Feature)		L	A military structure where arms and ammunition and other military equipment are manufactured and stored, and also where training is given in the use of arms ²
Military Base (Military Feature)		M	The locus of where military personnel, weapons, and supplies are located and also where attacks and other operations are coordinated and launched