

15 FAM 820 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS FOLLOWING INCIDENTS AFFECTING U.S. GOVERNMENT-OCCUPIED PROPERTY ABROAD

*(CT:OBO-1; 04-29-2005)
(Office of Origin: OBO)*

15 FAM 821 POLICY ON REPORTING ALL INCIDENTS

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(Uniform State/USAID/Commerce/Agriculture/DIA)*

The senior management officer must report to the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) within 48 hours all incidents affecting the structural integrity or life-safety factors of U.S. Government property, using the fire reporting procedures in 15 FAM 850. USAID, through the Overseas Management Support Office in its Bureau for Management (USAID/W - M/OMS), must report separately to OBO. Reports of incidents involving tenant agency space should also include the affected agency's headquarters as an addressee. OBO will assist posts as needed.

15 FAM 822 INCIDENTS AFFECTING U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

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Incidents that might affect U.S. Government-held property include the following examples: fires; earthquakes; floods; heavy snow or ice that damages roofs; settlement of ground beneath buildings; cave-ins; sink holes; trees or other natural or man-made items that fall on roofs or intrude into buildings; use of heavy equipment within or on a building that damages roofs or load-bearing walls; and bombings or other explosions that affect U.S. property directly or indirectly.

15 FAM 823 FIRE REPORTING

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All fires that occur at a post must be reported immediately to the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) regardless of the extent of the fire or resulting damage, using procedures in 15 FAM 851. If the information requested is not readily available, posts must report the fire and follow up with "SITREP" (situation report) telegrams. (See also Tab H-1 in the OBO Fire Protection Guide.)

15 FAM 824 SECURING AND PROTECTING THE FIRE SCENE

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Immediately after a fire has been extinguished, post officials must fully secure the entire fire scene. Absolutely no access should be permitted into the main fire area until authorized by the chief of mission/principal officer (COM/PO), U.S. representative to an international organization (when PO), or designated officer. Contact OBO for advice. In the interest of the security, safety, and integrity of the fire scene, a post official must be present until the area is secured. The area must remain secured until examination of the fire scene is completed, either by post personnel or Washington-based investigators. (See 15 FAM 852 for procedures.)

15 FAM 825 FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

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As soon as possible after being notified of a fire, the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) will dispatch a team of trained fire/arson investigators to fires that resulted in a significant dollar loss, fires that caused serious injury or death, fires that caused significant disruptions to official activities, and fires deemed of special interest. For all fires of suspicious origin, OBO, in coordination with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Office of Professional Responsibility (DS/ICI/PR), will dispatch an arson investigation team to determine the cause and origin of the fire. (See 15 FAM 853 for procedures.)

15 FAM 826 THROUGH 829 UNASSIGNED