with at least a 2 hour fire rating. This is in place to protect the occupants of a building as they exit to their designated area of refuge.

That brings us to another common violation that we are cited with which is storing items in the hallways/corridors. This could potentially be very dangerous because the items stored in the hallways/corridors could block the building occupant’s path of egress which would prevent them from safely exiting the building which could result in serious injuries.

Our goal is to continue to reduce the violations each year with an ultimate goal of a 50% reduction.

The North Carolina Department of Insurance (DOI) is required by NC General Statue 58-31-40 to inspect each State-owned building at least annually to identify any conditions which may be detrimental to the safety of the building and its occupants.

Each year, usually at the beginning of June, a DOI Fire Inspector inspects each of UNC Charlotte’s buildings. The Inspector is escorted by an Environmental Health & Safety staff member to begin the very comprehensive inspection which takes approximately 1 month to complete.

One common violation that the Inspector cites UNC Charlotte for is storage under stairwells. This could cause a fire to spread more rapidly than normal. The stairwell is a fire protection barrier

There are over 75 buildings on our beautiful 1,000 acre campus. There are a number of simple things that you can do to keep the University’s violations down. Checkout the Building Violations Checklist on our website. Use this as a guide to do your our mini inspection. Make it a team effort and have the whole department walk through their respected areas. We are currently working on an online Building Inspection training. This training will help to give you a comprehensive understanding of our inspection process and the regulator agencies that we follow. These are simple things you can do to help keep the campus community safe and reduce the number of DOI violations.

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