The Fire and Life Safety Division is the arm of Office of the State Fire Marshal charged with enforcing the state's fire and life safety laws and regulations in all 44,000 state-owned and state-occupied buildings. This includes review of construction plans, fire and life safety inspections of new and existing state occupied buildings, and special events such as concerts, political rallies and public display of fireworks.

The Division also issues temporary permits, establishes conditions and conducts inspections to ensure public safety at large public gatherings including fairs, concerts, sporting events, and festivals. They also inspect and issue permits related to outdoor cooking, trade shows and other high profile events.

The Fire and Life Safety Division also provides assistance to local fire authorities in matters relating to the interpretation and enforcement of the State’s fire and life safety regulations in their respective areas.

The Division could also determine origin and cause of fires in state occupied buildings and assist with damage assessment during major wildland conflagrations and statewide disasters such as earthquakes.