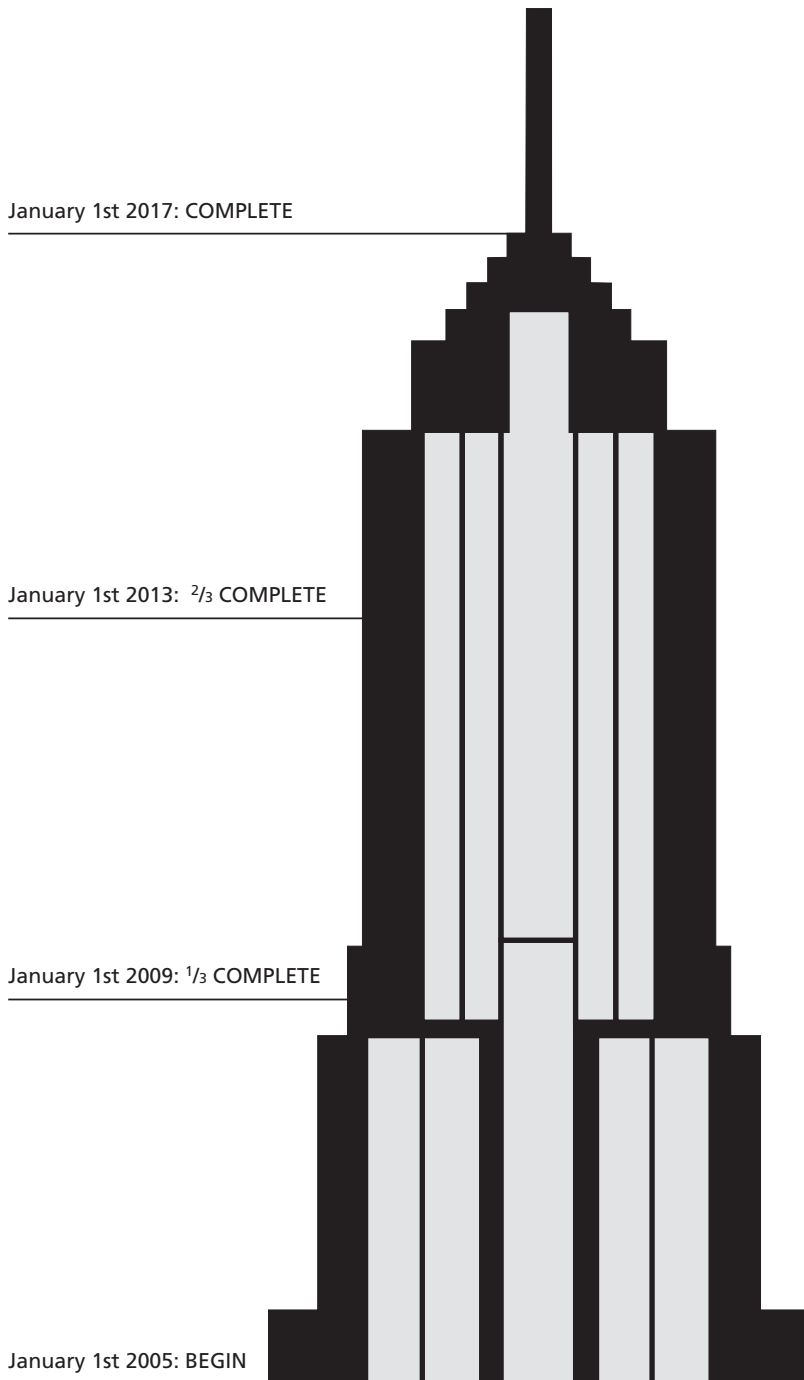


# COMMERCIAL HIGH-RISE OWNERS MAY RISK UP TO \$1,000/DAY IN 2009



**According to the Chicago Fire Sprinkler Substitute Ordinance passed in 2004, commercial structures exceeding 80 feet in height must have  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their gross square footage protected by automatic sprinklers by January 1st 2009.**

**The ordinance provides for fines of \$500 to \$1,000 per day for noncompliance per violation.**

1. Occupants in unprotected high rise buildings are at great risk, even the largest ladder trucks will only reach one hundred feet (~tenth floor).
2. The Life Safety Code adopted by the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office already requires high-rise buildings be equipped with fire sprinklers systems or an engineered life safety system.
3. The James Lee Witt report, released after the deadly Cook County Office Building fire, cited noncompliance with this State Code.
4. Retrofitting a high rise building costs on average \$3.50 – \$8.00 per square foot but will save thousands of dollars annually in insurance premiums and greatly reduce liability.

For more information or resources to meet the high rise requirement, contact NIFSAB toll-free at 1-866-264-3722 or online at [FireSprinklerAssoc.org](http://FireSprinklerAssoc.org).

