



National High-Rise Retrofit Summit

Helping Communities Close the High-Rise Safety Gap

June 9, 2026 | 7:00am-5:00pm
Venue SIX10 (610 S. Michigan Ave.)
Chicago, Illinois

THE CHALLENGE

Across the U.S., thousands of occupied high-rise buildings, many constructed before modern fire protection standards, still operate without automatic fire sprinkler systems and other essential life-safety features. Even small fires can rapidly escalate into multi-alarm emergencies that place residents at risk and take a toll on fire department resources.

How do we responsibly modernize safety in aging high-rise buildings while also preserving affordable housing?



A RESULTS-DRIVEN APPROACH

Municipal leaders, fire service professionals, housing officials, building owners, engineers, and safety experts will explore practical solutions for modernizing life safety in existing high-rise buildings.

- Proven retrofit strategies and best practices
- Cost and financing models for fire protection upgrades
- Policy and code considerations
- Lessons from successful retrofit projects

Join the national conversation to move beyond awareness toward real solutions that communities and buildings can implement. Safe housing is stable housing. Strong communities depend on both.

For questions, please contact Erik Hoffer (erik@nifsab.org, 708-403-4468).

EVENT DETAILS

The program is free to attend, but registration is required.

Hosted by the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA) in cooperation with the Chicago Fire Department.

The summit also includes a social reception at the Hilton Chicago on the evening of June 8 and optional high-rise tours on the morning of June 10.

For more details, registration, and room block information at the Hilton Chicago, scan the QR code or visit www.bit.ly/highrise2026

