

AN ACT concerning safety.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Rooftop Safety for First Responders Act.

Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

"Court" means an open space on a lot, other than a yard or portion of a yard, that is unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky and bounded, in whole or part, by abutting property lines, exterior building walls or other enclosing devices.

"Low-sloped roof" mean roof with a slope of less than 2 units vertical in 12 units horizontal (17% slope).

"Parapet" means a barrier that extends upward from the edge of a structure, such as a roof, balcony, walkway, or terrace.

"Shaft" means a continuous vertical space substantially enclosed on all sides that extends for 2 or more floors, including, but not limited to, an elevator shaft, a ventilation shaft, a stairwell, or a service shaft.

Section 10. Low-sloped roof edges and openings. All existing buildings, new construction, new roofs, roof replacements, and renovation projects that increase the area

of a home or business by more than 50% are subject to the following requirements:

(1) The edges of a low-sloped roof that adjoin a shaft or a court that is enclosed on all sides shall be provided with a parapet, extended masonry, or guard, or any combination thereof that meets the requirements of Section 1015 of the International Building Code.

(2) All skylights and other openings located in the plane of a low-sloped roof that are not otherwise required to remain open and unobstructed by law shall be either:

(A) glazed with wired glass, plain glass, glass block, or polycarbonate plastic that is designed and constructed to withstand a minimum dynamic load test of no less than 400 pounds; or

(B) provided with a parapet, extended masonry, or guard, or any combination thereof, that meets the requirements of Section 1015 of the International Building Code.

Section 15. Survey.

(a) No later than January 1, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, each municipality shall complete a survey of buildings in its jurisdiction that have skylights and other openings located in the plane of a low-sloped roof.

(b) The results of the survey shall be reported in a building inventory that shall be shared with local police

departments and local fire departments.

(c) In counties with a population greater than 1,000,000, the results of the survey shall be shared with local police departments and local fire departments and shall be stored in all computer-aided dispatch systems.