

Above the Ceiling & Penetration Permit

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Requestor: Date of Request:	Date of Request:
COR/Requester's HCG/Shop:	Phone#:
Est. start of work – Date: Time:	Est. Compl. of work -Date: Time:

Affected Working Area		
Building(s) #:	HCG/Service/Clinic:	
Floor(s):	Room(s)#:	Other:
Immediate Area Affected:		
Scope/Description of work to Be performed:		
Actual Start, Date/Time of work: /		Actual Compl., Date/Time of work: /

Penetration - Life Safety Deficiency / ILSM Considerations

Horizontal ☐ or vertical ☐ penetrations, in: 1.) existing structure ☐ 2.) New construction ☐

Smoke Barriers: YES ☐ NO ☐ Fire Barriers: YES ☐ NO ☐

Will fire sprinklers, fire alarm system/devices be affected?..... YES ☐ NO ☐

Will work have PACM (potentially asbestos containing material) exposure? YES ☐ NO ☐

Other: _____

Responsible Party for Sealing Penetrations	
Supervisor's Name:	Company:
Supervisors' Phone#:	24-HR Emergency Phone#:
Type of penetration sealant or fire stop: (submit/attach: SDS and/or applicable fire stop manufacture specification)	
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Acknowledgments/Approvals (print, sign, date):

General Contractor: _____ Date: _____

*Acknowledges and is responsible for compliance with OSHA, IBR CONSENSUS STANDARDS and VHA requirement, for all work processes performed at VALBMC; and has read and understood reverse page information this permit.

1. **Approved/Disapproved:** _____ **Date:** _____

(Project Engineer: RE/COR)

2. **Approved/Disapproved:** _____ **Date:** _____

(Section Chief/Shop Supervisor)

3. **Concur/Non-concur:** _____ **Date:** _____

3.a **Permit Expiration Date:** _____

(Life Safety Officer)

Final, completion of work Inspection: _____ **Date:** _____

(COR)

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The VALBMC expectation is full cooperation in complying with our efforts to maintain our fire/smoke barriers, throughout our facility; and providing a safe environment for: our patients, staff, students, and visitors.

- A. General contractors, vendors and VA staff performing short/long term work, that requires aspects of permit, at the VA Long Beach Healthcare System shall:
- 1) Obtain fully approved Above-Ceiling-Work/Fire/Wall Penetration Permit; prior to the commencement of any work.
 - 2) Requests must be submitted 48 working hours prior to the start of any work. Permits are valid for 24 hours. On a case-by-case basis, the maximum length of any permit is 1 working week.
 - 3) Must specifically include all work areas affected and thorough scope of work, for operation.
 - 4) Ensure a copy of valid permits, are conspicuously posted at work location; and readily available for inspection/verification, upon request.
 - 5) Permit must be accompanied by a completed and signed Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) Form.
 - 6) Upon completion of work and after COR's final inspection. Permit is to be returned to the Safety Service's Fire and Life Safety PM to be filed: 1.) Permit, 2. JSA 3. SDS/MFG. Specifications.).
- B. Permits shall be used to: 1.) Control, maintain and assure permanent record of any penetrations and/or drywall openings made in fire/smoke barriers. 2.) Ensure general safety precautions are addressed. Such as, but not limited to:
- 1) Secure the Area - placement of barricades or cones around work areas to prevent inadvertent access or exposure to all potential hazards associated with the scope of work to employees, patients, and visitors.
 - 2) Not leave work area unattended - If work areas are left unattended for breaks or lunch, etc., ladders are stored safely, ceiling tiles are replaced, no wires, etc. are left in public access areas.
 - 3) Securing the work tools and equipment so as not to create any hazard or be used as weapons.
- C. General contractor scope of work shall include job specific Job Safety Analysis (JSA), to mitigate and address identified risk (ex: PACM, ILSM, Fall Protection, Electrical Safety, etc.). **Attach JSA to permit request for VALBMC Fire & Life Safety Program Managers review.**
- D. General contractors, vendors are responsible for their employees, its agents or subcontractors; to be properly trained and knowledgeable on: 1.) The application of fire stopping materials. 2.) Scope of work. 3.) Applicable general safety, local policy & federal standards; and related environmental responsibility.
- E. Within 24 hours or less, any penetrations made in a fire rated wall, ceiling, or floor; must be sealed. Penetration seal work must be performed IAW applicable: manufacture specification, NFPA, consensus standard, and VA policy. **The completed work must be visually inspected by the VA COR representative to verify integrity.**
- Under no circumstances will penetrations remain unsealed or open.**
- F. Please direct your questions to: Corresponding Engineering Contracting Officer Representative (COR), Project Engineer/designated representative, Unit Supervisor in charge of this project or the VA Life Safety Program Manager.