

IF YOU'RE BUILDING WITH WOOD, YOU'RE FEELING THE HEAT.

Leaders and safety personnel are speaking out against combustible materials.

"The wood-framed apartment building allowed the fire to spread quickly."

-CBS Boston

"[Fire Chief Bill Corrigan] says light-weight **wooden construction is more flammable.**" – College Park Fire Chief

-NBC News

"Light-weight construction burns very rapidly." – Asst. Chief Alan Doubleday, Prince George County Fire Department

-WJZ 13

"It is time to stop and take a step back to rethink this problem. Fire officials, building officials and fire protection engineers must join forces to change codes and enforce realistic regulations to prevent these unacceptable fires from occurring." – Fire Chief J. Gordon Routley

-Firehouse

"Every week it seems that we are seeing reports and videos of huge fires consuming very large lightweight, wood-frame residential buildings...Some of the most spectacular fires have spread to several adjacent occupied buildings, causing millions of dollars in property damage as well as **threatening the lives of citizens and firefighters.**" – Fire Chief J. Gordon Routley

-Firehouse

"This is an old, old part of the city - today's structure was a wood structure, and you know how fast they go up." – Charleston, SC Mayor John Tecklenburg

-The Post and Courier

"[Waltham Fire Chief Paul Ciccone] said the complex was in line with all building codes—but said this was a case where the **wood-frame construction didn't do firefighters any favors.**"

-CBS Boston

"...wood is always very disconcerting to us because wood burns."

-Waltham Fire Chief Paul Ciccone

-CBS Boston