

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

City leaders and safety personnel in Massachusetts are speaking out against combustible materials.

"It's like a box of matches because it's all unprotected wood. It fails rapidly which means you have the collapse of the building fairly quick."

- Chief David Mottor, president of Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts
Builder Online

"Authorities said the flames that destroyed a Waltham apartment complex over the weekend were able to **tear through the building so quickly because of its wood-frame construction.**"

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"[Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn] said the **six-alarm fire in the Treadmark should be considered a warning** about the construction technique that uses wooden framing for the upper levels of a five- and six-story buildings."

-The Boston Globe

"I do have **concerns about the lightweight construction material** [of the wood-frame buildings]."- Boston Fire Commissioner Joseph E. Finn

-The Boston Globe

"Construction by **wood frame is idiotic.**" - City of Waltham Mayor Jeanette McCarthy

-Wicked Local Waltham

"It's what firefighters call **toothpick towers.**"

-NBC Boston

"The buildings made of this material have shown a **propensity to erupt into a conflagration**"- Council Vice President Robert G. Logan

-The Boston Globe

"So the only way to address this is at the state level," he said. "The problem was created when the building code was changed. **The only way to fix it is to make a further change in the building code.**" - Council Vice President Robert G. Logan

-The Boston Globe

"[Waltham Fire Chief Paul Ciccone] says the apartment **buildings were vulnerable because they were made of wood**, and because they were open to the elements."

- WBUR News

"[State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey] said **the fires present a good opportunity to raise awareness of building code fire regulations**, encourage improved fire safety, and increase communication between contractors and fire and building officials."

-Boston Herald

"[Chief David Mottor, President of Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts] said that depending on the phase of construction, certain **lighter materials enable fire to grow rapidly**. A similar scene unfolded in June in Dorchester when an apartment building under construction went up in flames."

-Fox 25 Boston

"The buildings were constructed using wood frames, according to Waltham Fire Chief Paul Ciccone — a practice that is increasingly used to save on costs despite **growing concerns nationally about fires breaking out** during construction of such complexes."

-Boston Globe

"The thinner manufactured wood can keep down the high price of building. But, at what cost? Firefighters call it the 'firefighter killer' after too many have actually fallen through floors."

-NBC Boston