



BELVIDERE FIRE DEPARTMENT

RED X PROGRAM

The Red X Program is designed to let firefighters know that a building has significant structural or interior hazards that warrant extreme caution during firefighting efforts.

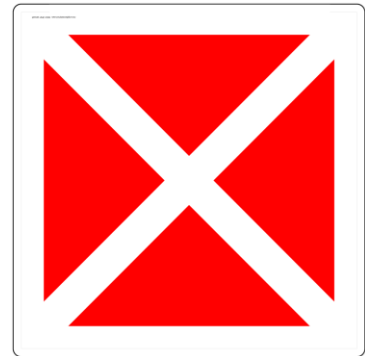
For identification of these buildings, placards will be placed in accordance with the 2015 International Fire Code, Section 311.5 (adopted by the City of Belvidere)

311.5.1 Placard Location. Placards ("Red X" signs) shall be applied on the front of the structure and visible from the street.

311.5.4 Placard Symbols.

This Symbol shall mean that structural or interior hazards exist to a degree that consideration should be given to limit firefighting to exterior operations only, with entry occurring only for known life hazards.

311.5.5 Informational Use. The use of these symbols shall be informational only and shall not in any way limit the discretion of the on-scene incident commander.



Examples of hazards that could warrant the "Red X" designation:

- Vacant or abandoned
- Condemned by City of Belvidere Building Department
- Significant code violations
- Previous fires
- Significant health issues
- Other situations that poses an unnecessary risk to firefighters or other responders

What the Red X Program is:

- a system to warn firefighters of known hazards

What the Red X Program is NOT:

- an order to never enter a building