

Fireproofing for Micro-Modular Data Centers



Article Overview

Effective fireproofing for micro-modular data centers combines early detection, tailored suppression systems, and code-compliant design to protect life, assets, and operational continuity.

Key Fire Protection Principles

Standards and Codes: Micro-modular data centers should follow recognized standards such as NFPA 75 for IT equipment protection, NFPA 13 or ABNT NBR 10897 for sprinklers, and ANSI/TIA-942 for coordinated detection and suppression strategies . **Detection Systems:** Early fire detection is critical in compact, high-density environments. Aspirating Smoke Detection (ASD/VESDA) systems continuously sample air from hot aisles, under-floor plenums, and ceiling returns, detecting smoke far earlier than traditional point detectors . Point detectors remain useful for zoning and cross-verification, especially in UPS, MDF, or IDF rooms . **Suppression Systems:** Fire suppression must balance effectiveness with protection of sensitive electronics. Common solutions include:

- Pre-action sprinklers (double-interlock): Pipes remain dry until both detection and sprinkler activation occur, minimizing accidental water damage .
- Water mist systems: Fine droplets suppress fires while reducing water exposure to equipment .
- Gaseous clean agents: Chemical or inert gas systems extinguish fires without resi...

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