

# Concerned with Liability?

Building owners are increasingly concerned about construction defects and their heightened risk. The commercial real estate market continues to face a range of risk management challenges as our society becomes more litigious in nature.

Learn more about how to reduce your risk.



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**If you're using polyvinyl chloride PVC piping in your buildings, you may be taking on a big risk.**

Fire and Life Safety are important not only to building owners and occupants, but those who fight building fires. If you're using plastic piping PVC/ABS in your buildings you may be exposing yourself to considerable risk.

There are alternative products that have been proven to be safe—consider a cast iron plumbing system instead. There are significant benefits to using a cast iron system:

- Non-combustible
- Has been used successfully for hundreds of years
- Easy to fire-stop
- Green building material made from 95% post-consumer scrap metal
- 100% recyclable at the end of service

The superiority of cast iron (CI) over polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping in fire safety cannot be overstated. The goal of “Fire & Life Safety” is to get everybody out of the building alive. Many people who die in fires do not perish from flame or heat, but rather from the gases released during the heating and combustion of typical building materials or furnishings. Slowing or stopping the spread of these gases through aggressive fire-stopping is a proven life saver. Building owners are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of occupants, those fighting structural fires and liability.

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