



# Training Bulletin

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## Building Construction – Balloon frame – Strategy & Tactics



- **Fires in balloon frame construction spread very rapidly, thus Incident Commanders should ensure sufficient resources are on scene or request additional resources immediately to get ahead of the fire. This includes RIT companies as well as companies available in staging at the fire scene.**
- Exterior TIC survey may help to determine the fire location within the bays.
- Do not delay running multiple lines.
- The first hand line advanced into the building should operate on the fire on the lowest floor.
- Subsequent hand lines should be advanced to back up the first hand line or to the floors above the fire (in ascending order).
- Ensure that the fire has not dropped down to a lower floor or cellar.

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