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### **New Standard Published: ANSI/IICRC S700 Standard for Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration**

Las Vegas, NV - JANUARY 02, 2025 - [The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification](#) (IICRC) announces the publication of a new American National Standard - ANSI/IICRC S700 Standard for Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration.

This Standard describes the principles, processes, and procedures for assessing the presence, intensity of impact, and boundaries of fire residues and odors affecting a building, building systems (e.g., Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning [HVAC]), and contents after a fire event. The fire event can occur within the building, an adjoining building(s), or building(s) in the vicinity impacted by an external or internal fire, other than wildfires. This Standard also describes the practical principles, methods, and processes including equipment, tools, and materials, for the restoration cleaning, and fire odor management of buildings and contents. This Standard also addresses contractor qualifications, administrative requirements, procedures, development of the Restoration Work Plan (RWP), documentation of project-related events, and compliance with Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

The ANSI/IICRC S700 Standard for Professional Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration includes the following:

- Fire and Smoke Damage Restoration Contractor Qualifications
- Administrative Requirements and Documentation
- Fire and Smoke Damage (FSD) Assessment
- Fire Restoration Equipment, Tools, and Materials (ETM)
- Fire Restoration Mitigation
- Source Removal
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) and Air Conveyance Systems (ACS)
- Fire and Smoke Odor Management
- Fire and Smoke Damage Contents Restoration
- Post Restoration Evaluation
- Limitations, Complexities, Complications, and Conflicts

Bran Lynch, IICRC S700 Consensus Body Chairman, said: "It was my true honor to serve with John Pletcher as the Vice Chair, and the other members of the S700 Consensus Body. My father had a saying "*you can judge a man by the company he*

*keeps*“ and if there’s any truth to that, then I am truly a lucky person to have these members of the Consensus Body as company. While it was not always an easy journey, it was incredibly rewarding to finally get this Standard published. It was over a decade in the making, and now the restoration industry has another IICRC pillar in their foundation.”

Brandon Burton, IICRC Standards Chairman, said: “Providing a Standard of Care for the professional restoration of structural fire and smoke damage to the restoration community is a massive win for our industry. This ANSI/IICRC Consensus based Standard will propel the industry into a new phase of transparency, consistency, and quality. I cannot stress enough how thankful I am to all the volunteers and organizations that have contributed to this critical and important document. Specifically, thank you to the S700 Chair Bran Lynch and Vice Chair John Pletcher, to the volunteer Consensus Body members, and to the Restoration Industry Association (RIA) leadership for it’s donation of technical literature and resources.”

To purchase a copy of the new ANSI/IICRC S700: 2025 and other standards, visit <https://iicrc.gilmoreglobal.com/en>. IICRC standards are also available via the IICRC Standards Subscription website at <https://evantage.gilmoreglobal.com/#/>. For more information on other certification programs and standards offered by IICRC, visit [www.iicrc.org](http://www.iicrc.org).

### **About IICRC**

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