

**ARTICLE 45-01  
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1. **History and functions.** Section 12 of article V of the Constitution of North Dakota provides for the office of insurance commissioner. North Dakota Century Code title 26.1 contains statutes pertaining to the commissioner and the department. Besides administering and regulating all matters pertaining to insurance, the commissioner manages the state bonding fund, administers the state fire and tornado fund, and manages the state fire marshal.
2. **State fire marshal.** The state fire marshal is appointed by the insurance commissioner and supervises the operation of the fire marshal division. The division is responsible for enforcing state laws for prevention of fires; coordinating resources for large rural wild-land fires; storage, sale, and use of combustibles and explosives; installation and maintenance of fire alarms and fire extinguishing equipment; adequacy of exits from public buildings; investigation of arson and the cause and origin of fires and education on hazards of fire. The division also has responsibility for the state's emergency response to hazardous materials incidents and hazardous materials training.
3. **Inquiries.** Inquiries regarding the insurance department may be addressed to the commissioner:

Commissioner  
Insurance Department  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

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