



Firestone Joe Wants You to Know...

- We are fully certified, accredited, bonded and use Hilti products exclusively.
- As a Hilti Accredited Firestop Provider, we have priority access to Hilti technical personnel for fast engineering judgments.
- We have a thorough understanding of firestop code requirements and will keep you compliant.
- We receive special product pricing from Hilti, which makes getting the best firestop products for your job more affordable than you might have thought.

You can trust the ARC Firestop Division and Hilti products to provide you with dependable, headache-free and cost efficient solutions.

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Firestop Markets Served:

- We serve a variety of markets with their firestop needs including:
- Commercial
 - Institutional
 - Government
 - Industrial

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7 Critical Questions to Ask When Hiring a Firestop Contractor

There are many areas of building and construction where mistakes are made and it does not cause a serious problem. Firestop is not one of those areas. Using improper or substandard firestop materials and installation procedures or hiring uncertified firestop contractors can have a devastating result when fire breaks out. Fire usually does not kill people. Smoke does. If the job is not done correctly, smoke can easily infiltrate other areas, costing lives. This opens up issues of risk and liability that no company wants to deal with.

To protect yourself, there are several questions you need to ask before hiring a company to handle your commercial construction firestop needs. The answers can save you many headaches now and in the future.

1. Does the firestop contractor have the proper certification and training in proper installation techniques, product usage and technical analysis?
2. Are they utilizing best-in-class products for maximum future performance?
3. Are they certified by the firestop product manufacturer to install the product? If they are not, should you trust them to install the product?
4. Do they have priority access to the manufacturer for "Fast Engineering Judgments"? (If not, you may have to wait for days to get a technical judgment for difficult and questionable installation situations.)
5. Are they bonded? (More and more larger jobs are requiring bonding from firestop contractors.)
6. Are they fully knowledgeable, up-to-date and compliant with all firestop code requirements? (Firestop code violations and installation redos can add significant costs to your project. There have been significant code changes in the last several years.)
7. Do they have significant experience specifically in providing firestop solutions or is their primary focus on another trade? (i.e.: Plumbing, electrical or HVAC.)

As you can see, there are many issues to consider when hiring a firestop contractor. If you would like more information or have specific questions concerning your specific firestop needs, email Joe Wilkinson or call him at 443-573-0292.