

Steps for Installing NFIRS 5.0 Software Version 5.8 on a Computer with NFIRS Software Version 5.7 Already Installed

Installing NFIRsv58 on a computer with NFIRsv57 already installed places the new version in a separate directory on the computer. The default directory is C:\Program Files\NFIRsv58. The default directory for NFIRsv57 is C:\Program Files\NFIRsv57.

1. Download NFIRsv58.exe from the User Section on the www.NFIRS.FEMA.gov website. A user account is needed to download the 19.9 MB file.
 - a. Choose run to start the installation from the website, or
 - b. Choose save to download the program for installing later. Be aware of the directory where the file is saved.
2. Install the program. Use the default settings.
3. Remove NFIRsv57 from the computer.
 - a. Move any important files and folders that you want to keep and that are not in the C:\Program Files\NFIRsv57\Database folder to another location outside of the folder.
 - b. Run Add or Remove Programs to remove NFIRsv57. This removes most, but not all, of the links, files, and folders in the NFIRsv57 directory. The NFIRsv57's database directory and its contents are not removed. Deleting NFIRsv57 without first deleting it from Add or Remove Program is not recommended.
 - c. Move the local off-line NFIRS database. **This step is only for NFIRS users working in the off-line mode.**
 - i. Locate file Nfirsdatav54.mdb in C:\Program Files\NFIRsv58\Database.
 - ii. Rename NfirsdataV54.mdb to NfirsdataV54blank.mdb. It is a good practice to always keep a blank copy of the database.
 - iii. Move the NfirsdataV54.mdb file from C:\Program Files\NFIRsv57\Database to C:\Program Files\NFIRsv58\Database. This step places the local off-line database that contains incidents and set-up data into the NFIRsv58 directory.
 - iv. Move any other need-to-keep databases or files from the NFIRsv57\Database folder to the NFIRsv58\Database folder.
 - d. Delete the C:\Program File\NFIRsv57 folder.
4. Redirect or rebuild any NFIRS shortcuts on the desktop to point to the NFIRsv58.
5. If needed, contact the NFIRS state program manager or the NFIRS Support Center for help with the installation.
 - a. NFIRS state program manager: http://www.nfic.org/membership_contacts.html
 - b. NFIRS Support Center: FEMA-nfirshelp@dhs.gov , 888-382-3827