

# Are You Ready For Your Fire Inspection?



## Top Fire Code Violations

- Fire and Life Safety System Reports** South Metro Fire Rescue is requesting that all maintenance reports be submitted (electronically) that are related to life safety systems. These life safety systems include, but are not limited to: Fire Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Kitchen Hood Suppression, Smoke Control, Fire Pumps, Clean Agent.

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- Fire suppression systems for commercial cooking operations** (hood systems) must be serviced and tested every 6 months by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- Commercial cooking operations** must have the hood and duct cleaned depending on the amount of grease latent vapors generated by the cooking operations. All cooking operations that use deep fat fryers must have a Type K fire extinguisher within 30 feet of the deep fat fryers.
- Exit doors** must open easily from the inside. Locking mechanisms on doors shall not require special knowledge or keys. The only exception is a main storefront door with a sign above that reads, "This door to remain unlocked when building is occupied."
- Aisles, walkways, stairways, and paths** leading to exits must be clear of storage and obstructions.
- Emergency lights and exit signs** (that are illuminated from within) must work properly and function in both normal and emergency power modes. Lighted exit signs must be lit at all times.
- Electrical outlets, junction boxes, and circuit breaker panels** must be covered, and outlets and junction boxes must have the appropriate cover plate.
- Electrical extension cords** cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords are only approved for "temporary use" (operating a vacuum cleaner, powering a tool while making a repair, etc.). Multi-outlet power strips, with built-in circuit breakers may be used to protect computers and related equipment.
- Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced by a vendor of your choosing every 12 months.
- Fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems** must be serviced and tested every 12 months by an endorsed fire protection contractor.
- Fire hydrants** located on your property must be visible and accessible at all times, with three feet of clearance on all sides.
- Street address/Unit** must be clearly marked and visible from the street fronting the property and back doors.

South Metro Fire Rescue is tasked with ensuring the safety of the public through the performance of routine Fire Inspections. The primary focus when conducting these inspections is life safety, closely followed by property preservation. The goal during an inspection is to identify fire code violations and to educate business owners, operators, and employees about fire and life safety.

This flier is intended to assist you by identifying the most common deficiencies and concerns found during Fire Inspections. Please review the checklist and correct any potential deficiencies prior to your inspection. By following these guidelines, you are ensuring the safety of the occupants of your building and better protecting your property year-round.

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**Should you have any questions regarding Fire Safety Inspections, please don't hesitate to call the Fire Marshal's Office at 720-989-2030.**