



If we find a violation...



After the inspection, the OSFM inspector will provide you with a report of any violations found. Violations must be corrected immediately.

With the exception of serious life safety violations, which should be addressed immediately, you must provide our office with a plan of correction addressing all violations cited during our inspection — including the dates you plan on completing the corrections.



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What to Expect When You're Inspected

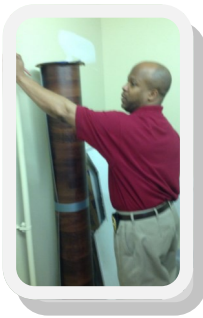
Your upcoming fire safety inspection is a great opportunity to improve life safety in your commercial or institutional property



Fire Inspections

Our goal is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and the amount of property loss from fire.

A major responsibility of the Office of the State Fire Marshal is fire prevention. One method employed to reduce the number of fires is by conducting fire safety inspections.



Our office conducts inspections in accordance with the federal and state regulations, the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code.

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We want to work with you to ensure that if a fire were to occur, damage is limited as much as possible and firefighters can operate efficiently and safely. Practicing fire prevention and addressing fire hazards is a great investment.

We know that you, as a property owner or manager, care about the level of safety in your building and on the premises. When a Fire Inspector visits, we strongly encourage you to accompany the inspector.

Preparing for Your Inspection

Most violations identified by our Fire Safety Inspectors are easily repaired or abated before your inspection date. The following checklist identifies some frequently occurring violations for you to check before the inspector arrives.

EXITS

- Aisle ways are clear.
- Stairways & fire escapes are not used for storage and are easily navigated.
- Illuminated exit signs are well maintained and operating properly.
- Exit doors are kept clear and are in a serviceable condition.
- Emergency floodlighting is in serviceable condition.

FIRE ALARMS / SPRINKLERS

- Fire alarm or smoke detectors are operable and have had their annual testing within the last 12 months.
- Fire sprinkler system is functional and has had its annual testing within the last 12 months.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Extension cords & temporary wiring is not used as a source of permanent power.
- Extension cords serve only portable appliances.
- Electrical panels and junctions are closed.
- Electrical panels have a 36" clearance.
- Power strips are plugged directly into the wall outlet (not into an extension cord or another power strip).

EXTINGUISHERS

- An adequate number of extinguishers are provided.
- Extinguishers are the proper model for business or building type.
- Extinguishers are charged and in proper working condition.
- Extinguishers are properly installed & mounted, visible and accessible.
- Extinguishers have had an annual servicing.



MISCELLANEOUS

- No unsafe accumulation of rubbish/debris.
- Address is visible and is the proper size according to how far the building is from the road.
- Fire hydrants must be visible and kept clear from obstruction by at least 3 feet on all sides.
- There are no holes in ceilings and walls that would allow fire extension into other areas of the building.

REMEMBER: *This is NOT a comprehensive list. Violations may exist which are unique to your facilities.*