



## Fire Code Safety Violations

Below is a list of some of the fire code safety violations our fire inspectors look for during an annual inspection. You can use this list as a guide to assist you in identifying and correcting potential fire and life safety hazards in your building.

### **Exits**

- Remove obstructions from exits, aisles, corridors, and fire escapes
- Repair and maintain lighting for corridors, stairways and exits
- Maintain emergency power equipment for exit lighting and signs
- Provide approved exit signs at every required exit

### **Electrical**

- Discontinue use of extension codes in lieu of permanent wiring
- Repair openings in fire resistive constructions (walls, ceilings, unsealed chases)
- Maintain a clearance of 30 or more inches in front of electrical panels

### **Extinguishers**

- Mount where readily available with no higher than a 5-foot top
- Post signs indicating location, if not readily available
- Service and tag annually and after each use
- Should have a minimum of 2A rating (travel distance not to exceed 75 feet)

### **Storage**

- Approved container for storage of combustible rubbish or waste material
- Storage 2 feet or more below ceilings in non-sprinkled areas; 18 inches within sprinklers
- Remove storage underneath exit stairs and combustibles from exits
- Remove combustible storage from mechanical or electrical equipment rooms or boiler rooms
- Remove storage of dumpsters or containers in buildings or within 5 feet of combustible walls, openings or roof eave lines
- Remove combustibles and/or hazardous materials from vacant buildings and properties

### **Exterior**

- Remove accumulations of weeds, grass, vines, or other vegetation
- Remove storage of combustible materials less than 10 feet from property line



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### **Hotels, Motels & Apartments**

- Provide and install smoke detectors in sleeping rooms, common areas, and adjacent to sleeping areas
- Provide an approved fire alarm system in apartment buildings 3 or more stories high or 16 or more units, in hotels 3 or more stories high or 16 or more guest rooms.
- Repair openings in fire resistive construction
- Maintain all fire assemblies (i.e. fire doors, windows, dampers) in good working condition
- Provide stairway separation doors where required (1-3/4-inch solid wood core, with approved self-closer and latch)

### **Alarm Systems**

- Maintain in operable condition and test monthly
- Fire alarm system service is required annually
- When a manual and automatic fire alarm system is required, plans must be submitted to the Fire Department and a permit issued before installation

### **Sprinklers Systems**

- Inspect and test monthly
- Service by a state licensed contractor every year
- Secure valves in the open position with an approved locking device
- Provide approved protective covers for Fire Department connections and intakes. These shall be the screw in or Knox locking type.

### **Occupancy Load & Address**

- Post occupant load sign near main exit in assembly rooms of 50 or more
- Provide approved numbers or addresses on all new and existing buildings
- Fire Department permit needed for operation of places of assembly (50+ or more)