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Fire Inspection Guide

Please use this as a guide to get your business ready for a fire inspection. Understand that this is only a guide and there may be additional items within your business that need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Anything out of compliance should be corrected immediately. The items listed may not apply to all occupancies inspected.

Building Access:

- Your address (Suite, if applicable) needs to be legible from the street.
- On-site Fire Hydrants:
No obstructions within 3ft of the hydrant. Distance from ground to center of large hose outlet must be no less than 1ft.
- Hydrants subject to vehicular damage must be properly protected from vehicles.

Knox Box (If Applicable):

- Contains proper keys and applicable access codes for your business.

Fire Protection Systems:

- Fire Sprinklers, alarms, standpipes and cooking hood systems must be properly inspected and maintained.
- Fire Department Connection (FDC) on the exterior of the building must be unobstructed and properly identified.

Portable Fire Extinguishers

- Minimum 2A10BC Extinguishers are required.
- Number of extinguishers required will depend on the size of business.
- 75ft maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher.
- A Class K fire extinguisher is required for commercial kitchens.

Means of Egress:

- Clear and unobstructed at all times.
- Exits easily distinguishable as an exit door.
- Exit lights operational if required.
- Emergency power/lighting operational.

Exit Door Locks:

- Must be appropriate for exit type. Must be operable from the inside without the use of keys, special effort or special knowledge during normal business hours.
- Panic hardware shall be in working order (if applicable).

Electrical Hazards:

- Electrical control panels shall have a minimum of a 3ft clearance.
- All devices, with the exception of appliances, should be plugged directly into a wall outlet or a surge protector.
- Appliances should always be plugged directly into the wall and not into extension cords or surge protectors, as they could overload/overheat the device.

Storage of Materials and Equipment

- Storage is prohibited in boiler rooms, mechanical rooms and electrical equipment rooms.
- Propane tanks and gas-powered tools are not to be stored inside the building.
- All hazardous materials should be stored appropriately in approved containers.
- Combustible materials cannot be stored within 3ft of a gas-fed water heater.