Pre-Inspection Checklist for Businesses

The Central Joint Fire - EMS District conducts Annual Fire Inspections in accordance with Ohio Fire Code Section*:106.2 Inspections.* Below is a list of the most common fire code safety violations 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. This is not meant to be a complete list of possible violations of the Ohio Fire Code. For more information, call 513-732-3876 and ask for one of our Fire Inspectors.

- Is the address posted on the front of your building?
- Are all exits free from obstructions?
- Are all exit signs lighted and operate on battery power?
- Are all emergency lighting fixtures operational?
- Is the electrical room door labeled?
- Are all electrical circuits labeled in the electrical panel?
- Are there any extension cords used as permanent wiring?
- Is there storage within 30 inches of the electric panel?
- Do all junction boxes, light switches, and outlets have cover plates?
- Is the commercial kitchen hood clean and free of grease?
- Has the commercial kitchen hood extinguishing system had bi-annual service/testing?
- Is there combustible waste accumulated in and around the building?
- Is all storage stable and orderly?
- Is storage two feet below the ceiling or eighteen inches below the sprinkler head?
- Is there storage in exit pathways?
- Is there combustible storage in mechanical or equipment rooms?
- Are compressed gas cylinders upright and secured?
- Are all walls and ceilings without holes?
- Are all ceiling tiles in place and without holes or broken?
- Are all fire-rated doors operational?
- Are all fire extinguishers serviced annually?
- Has the fire alarm system been tested and inspected annually?
- Has the fire sprinkler system been inspected and tested annually?
- Are all fire lanes marked and unobstructed?