

# Are You Ready For Your Fire Inspection?

Congratulations on opening or relocating your business in Ventura.

Ventura City Fire Department personnel will conduct a fire safety inspection of your business. During the Fire Inspection, we evaluate your property for compliance with important fire and life safety regulations such as exiting, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, storage of combustibles, electrical hazards, and more.

To help you prepare for your inspection, use this checklist of most frequently cited deficiencies. Make sure these violations don't exist on your property and it will help you pass your Fire Inspection the first time and keep your buildings safe year-round!

Not all items listed may apply to every business.

If you have any questions about the upcoming inspection, please don't hesitate to call our Fire Prevention Division at 805-658-4717.

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## Make Sure:

- Fire extinguishers are serviced** within the past 12 months and annually thereafter by a licensed contractor and are visible, readily accessible and mounted
- Exterior of the building** has address in contrasting color, clearly marked and visible from the street and is clear of combustible rubbish, debris and weeds and has fire hydrants clearly visible and accessible
- Exits have** doors that open easily from the inside, locking mechanisms on doors that do not require special knowledge or keys and aisles, walkways, stairways that are clear of storage and obstructions
- Emergency lights and exit signs** are working properly and function in both normal and emergency power mode and lighted exit signs are lit at all times
- Electrical systems are safe** and don't use extension cords as permanent wiring, use multi-outlet power strips with a built in circuit breaker to replace extension cords, ensure outlets, junction boxes and circuit breakers are covered and outlets and junction boxes have appropriate cover plates and confirm that electrical panels have 36" of clear access
- Fire sprinkler systems** are certified every 5 years by a licensed fire protection contractor and the inspection tag/verification is available to the fire inspector and sprinkler heads have at least 18" clearance below them
- Storage items are** stored in an orderly manner, do not obstruct exit paths, and are located at least 2' below the ceiling (in buildings without sprinklers)
- Commercial cooking operations have** fire suppression (hood systems) serviced and tested every six months by a licensed fire protection contractor and a fire extinguisher that is Type K, 40-BC
- Hazardous materials** are safely stored and that you have current permits to store or dispense hazardous materials in excess of 55 gallons (liquids), 200 cubic feet (gasses) or 500 pounds (solids)

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