

Are You Ready For Your Fire Inspection?

Congratulations on opening your business in Ventura. Prior to operating, please call 805/658-4717 to schedule your Fire Safety Inspection.

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 our top ten 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!

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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Top Ten Fire Code Violations

- Street address** must be clearly marked and visible (in contrasting color) from the street fronting the property.
- Exit doors** must open easily from the inside. Locking mechanisms on doors shall not require special knowledge or keys.
- Aisles, walkways, stairways, and paths** leading to exits must be clear of storage and obstructions.
- Emergency lights and exit signs** (that are lighted from within) must work properly and function in both normal and emergency power mode. Lighted exit signs must be lit at all times.
- Electrical outlets, junction boxes, and circuit breaker panels** must be covered, and outlets and junction boxes must have the appropriate cover plate. There must be clear access to the panels.
- Electrical extension cords** cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords are only approved for "temporary use" (operating a vacuum cleaner, powering a tool while making a repair, etc.) Multioutlet power strips with a built-in circuit breaker may be used to protect computers and related equipment.
- Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced within the past 12 months and annually thereafter.
- Fire sprinkler systems** shall be certified every 5 years by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- Fire suppression systems for commercial cooking operations** (Hood Systems) must be serviced and tested every six months by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- Hazardous materials** shall be safely stored. A permit is required to store or dispense hazardous materials in excess of 55 gallons (liquids), 200 cubic feet (gasses) or 500 pounds (solids).

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