



Preparing for your Inspection

Most violations identified by Life Safety inspections are minor and can be easily repaired or abated before your inspection date. The following list identifies some frequently occurring violations. *Remember, this is NOT a comprehensive listing. Violations may exist that are unique to your business or building.*

EXITS

- Aisle ways are clear
- Stairways & fire escapes are not used for storage & are easily navigated
- Illuminated exit signs are displayed over each exit
- Illuminated exit signs are well maintained & operating properly
- Exit doors open easily without much force
- Exit doors open in the same direction of travel
- Exit doors remain unlocked during business hours
- Exits are unobstructed & visible from all areas of the room
- Exits do not lead to a room subject to locking
- Area that exits lead to is properly maintained & nonhazardous

All businesses are required to have illuminated exits signs displayed over all exits. These signs are relatively inexpensive & can be easily mounted. They are available at most home improvement stores.

FIRE ALARMS

- Fire alarm or smoke detectors are installed
- Fire alarm or smoke detectors are operable and well maintained

EXTINGUISHERS

- Adequate number of extinguishers are provided
- Extinguishers are the proper model for business or building type
- Extinguishers are charged and in proper working condition
- Extinguishers are properly installed & mounted
- Extinguishers have been inspected & tagged by a State of Florida licensed inspector
- Extinguishers are visible & accessible

According to Florida State Statues 633.061, fire extinguishers must be professionally mounted and inspected annually by a state licensed extinguisher technician. Look in the telephone book under "Fire Extinguishers" for company listings.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Extension cords & temporary wiring not used as a source of permanent power
- Circuits are not overloaded
- Electrical panels and junctions are closed
- Fuses and circuit breakers are labeled

The most frequently occurring violation is the use of extension cords as a source of permanent power. The Life Safety Code prohibits this practice in commercial occupancies.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sprinkler/standpipe system is properly maintained*
- Merchandise/ stock not stored too close to sprinklers*
- Air conditioning & heating properly installed & maintained
- No smoking signs posted in prohibited areas
- No unsafe accumulation or rubbish/debris
- Street number properly displayed outside business

*Applicable only if a system has been installed. Check with us to see if your business requires such a system.

About the Life Safety Code

The Life Safety Code, which is published by the Florida Fire Prevention Code, has been in existence for more than 75 years. The Code is written and updated by the Committee on Safety to Life which is comprised of building related experts including architects, engineers, code enforcement officials, building owners and insurers. The City of Gulf Breeze is only one of more than 68,000 fire protection professional who use this Code for enforcement. To access the Codes online, visit www.nfpa.org.