

What to Expect on Your Inspection Day

In accordance with Ordinance 08-02, the following procedures will be followed for all businesses in the City of Gulf Breeze:

After an application for an Occupational License for a new business or change of address on an existing business is accepted, a Life Safety/ Fire Inspection will be performed by the Gulf Breeze Fire Department.

As a courtesy, the owner will be notified at least one day prior to inspection date.

On your inspection day, please be sure to have an owner, manager or other member of the supervisory staff on duty. ***The Fire Inspector must be able to access all rooms in the building.***

After the inspection, if violations are found, the Fire Inspector will provide you with a list of these violations and advise when he will be back. ***The majority of violations found are minor and are given thirty (30) days to be repaired.*** If the violations pose a severe and immediate threat, the City of Gulf Breeze reserves the right to reduce the amount of time required for abatement accordingly.

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Thirty days after the initial inspection, (or less depending on the nature of the violations) the Inspector will return for the first re-inspection. ***No prior notification is given for re-inspections.***

The initial inspection and the first re-inspection are performed free of charge. If, after the first re-inspection, your business is still not in compliance, the following fees will be levied for each subsequent inspection.

Second Re-Inspection	\$25
Third Re-Inspection	\$250
Fourth Re-inspection	\$500

If your business is still not in compliance after the fourth re-inspection, we are required to issue you a Notice to Appear. This requires a mandatory court appearance for the responsible party.

If your business is in full compliance after the initial inspection, you may be eligible for a 50 percent rebate on your Occupational Licensing Fees. This rebate is nonnegotiable and is available only for inspections performed on new businesses.

NOTE: *Because Fire Inspectors are also required to respond to fire-rescue situations inside the City, inspections are subject to cancellation without prior notice. In this case, a representative of the department will contact you to reschedule for a later date or time.*

Life Safety Inspections:

Protecting You and Your Investment



Gulf Breeze Fire-Rescue

313 Fairpoint Drive
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

For further assistance, call:
(850) 934-5133
(850) 934-5109



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.