

Inspections and Fire Safety

Conducting Life Safety Inspections is an important part of our mission. We are authorized by the [Kentucky State Fire Marshals Office](#) as a deputized department to conduct these inspections in buildings that are accessible to the public. The reason we conduct Life Safety Inspections is to provide the business and building owner a means of preventing fires and other emergencies, to ensure the safety of their customers and the general public, as well as prepare our personnel to respond to emergencies through the preplanning of the layout and familiarization of the building and occupancy.

Of all of the things that we do on a daily basis, conducting these inspections is one method that we use to provide a higher level of service to the public by ensuring that the places they visit each day are as safe as we can make them. This also affords the business and building owner an opportunity to prevent the costs of rebuilding from a fire, or other damages that may occur.

Below are some of the more basic items that we look for while conducting Life Safety Inspections. These items are also easily maintained by the building owner or occupant, and should be maintained on a continual basis.

Exits and Exit Lighting

- Exit doors open easily, and close automatically.
- The path to the exit is clear and free from obstructions, both interior and exterior.
- Exit doors do not require special keys or knowledge to operate.
- Exit signs are functioning during normal mode, and function on battery power when tested.
- Emergency lighting functions when the test button is pressed for 30 seconds.

Extinguishers and Fire Protection Features

- Proper fire extinguishers for the designed application, inspected and certified annually.
- Fire extinguishers are stored properly and easily accessible.
- Fire alarm systems are inspected and certified annually.
- Sprinkler systems are inspected and certified annually.
- Hood systems are inspected and certified every 6 months, and cleaned frequently to prevent grease buildup.
- Hood system nozzles are in the proper place over commercial kitchen appliances.
- Sprinkler system valves are secured and accessible for Fire Department personnel, both inside and outside the building.
- Storage is a minimum of 18 inches below sprinkler heads.

Electrical Items

- ❑ Proper use of extension cords, for temporary use only, not as a substitute for permanent wiring.
- ❑ Extension cords are not routed through ceiling tiles or doorways.
- ❑ All outlets, switches, and junction boxes have cover plates installed.
- ❑ 36 inch clearance between electrical service equipment and storage.
- ❑ Discontinue use of unapproved multiplug adaptors ([Non U.L. listed appliances](#)).

General Issues and Items

- ❑ Limit or remove storage around heating appliances, such as water heaters and furnaces.
- ❑ Flammable liquids, paints, and other items shall be kept in a secured, flammable rated cabinet.
- ❑ Secure compressed gas cylinders in order to prevent tip over.