



PIONEER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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You have an upcoming fire & life safety inspection with the Pioneer Fire Protection District: During your fire inspection, we will evaluate the property for compliance with important fire and life safety regulations (exiting, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, electrical hazards, storage of combustibles, etc.) This page identifies the top 10 violations found during fire inspections. Please review this checklist and correct any potential issues prior to your inspection. Correcting these common items will help you pass your inspection and make your building safer year-round.

Top Ten Fire Code Violations

EXIT DOORS must open easily from the inside. Locking mechanisms on doors shall not require special knowledge or keys. The only exception is a main storefront door with a sign above that reads, "This door to remain unlocked when building is occupied."

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 modes. 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.

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.). Multi-outlet power strips, with built-in circuit breakers may be used to protect computers and related equipment. Multiplug adapters are not allowed unless they are fused.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced every 12 months.

FIRE SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS must be serviced and tested every 12 months by a licensed fire protection contractor.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR COMMERCIAL COOKING OPERATIONS (hood systems) must be serviced and tested every 6 months by a licensed fire protection contractor.

APPLIANCES such as refrigerators and microwaves should be plugged directly into an outlet.

ADDRESS must be properly displayed, the numbers shall be of a size not less than four inches in height, reflectorized and displayed on a contrasting background. All buildings shall have a permanently posted address, which shall be placed at each driveway entrance and visible from both directions of travel along the road. All such numbers shall be placed in a horizontal sequence so as to be easily visible and legible from the road upon which the premises front.

ENSURE THE BUILDING IS BEING USED AS WAS PERMITTED