

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTION?



Dear Property Owners and Business Owners,

The Los Angeles City Fire Department will be conducting the annual fire inspection of your facility. Our goal is to provide effective inspections, identify and correct any code violations found and to educate owners on the importance of fire code and building code compliance. It is our goal to make the premises safe for those who work in it, as well as for the fire department personnel, should they have to respond for any medical or fire related emergencies.

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Below is a condensed list of common violations related to industrial and commercial facilities. Please review this list and address and correct any deficiencies. This will assist with the fire inspection and make your business safer. If you have any questions related to fire and life safety, please contact our unit.

✓ Building Identification: In an EMERGENCY, can we (LAFD) find you? Are the address numbers legible and visible from the street? (min 4" in height)

✓ Does your business have a KNOX box for the fire department to access the property in an EMERGENCY? If so, are the keys current? Batteries current, if applicable?



✓ Does your building have FIRE and LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS and EQUIPMENT? (i.e. fire sprinklers, fire alarm, fire hydrant, illuminated EXIT signs, central station signaling system, smoke detectors, special extinguishing systems, gas detectors) If so, all need to be maintained, tested and in current working order. [Reg 4 tests and certifications] If you need information regarding current testing companies, please contact us.

✓ All ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL ROOMS are NOT storage rooms. There shall not be any items or combustible materials kept or stored at these locations.

✓ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: If your business or facility has ANY chemicals/hazardous material(s) at or above the following amounts, a hazardous materials (CUPA) Permit is required annually:

GAS – 200 cubic feet
SOLID - 500 pounds
LIQUID - 55 gallons
LPG – 10 gallons



The building must also have the correct NFPA 704 identification placard at entrances to the structure or building.



✓ Does your building have the current/correct Certificate of Occupancy? This is a certificate granted by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety to safely use the structure for its intended and approved use.

✓ Is your building being used for HIGH PILED or HIGH RACKED storage? If so, you must have all permits and meet all requirements. The Fire Code defines "HIGH-PILED COMBUSTIBLE STORAGE" as storage of combustible materials in closely packed piles or combustible materials on pallets, in racks or on shelves where the top of storage is greater than 12 feet in height.

**If you do not have the permits, nothing shall be stored over 12 feet. There are tighter restrictions for storage of high hazard items/commodities.

All EXITS shall be kept clean and clear at all times.



Operational from the egress side without the use of a key, tool or any special knowledge or effort, or provided with panic hardware.

If signs are illuminated – they must remain illuminated and be connected to a backup power source.

✓ PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Are they the right size and type? Are they properly charged, labeled and mounted off of the ground? Are they currently serviced?



✓ ALL chemicals shall be labeled, stored in proper locations and in approved containers.

✓ Electrical Extension Cords-cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring.

✓ Property Owners: You need to know what is going on in **YOUR** buildings:

L.A.M.C. 109.2 Owner/occupant responsibility. Correction and abatement of violations of the (Los Angeles Fire Code) shall be the responsibility of **the owner** or the owner's authorized agent. Where an occupant creates, or allows to be created, hazardous conditions in violation of this code, the occupant shall be held responsible for the abatement of such hazardous condition.