

Fire Extinguishers

Inspections: Fire extinguisher need to be inspected both monthly by the building occupant and also annually by a certified technician. You can locate a certified firm by using the yellow pages.

Mounting: Fire extinguishers need to be mounted at all times. They should be mounted at a height not exceeding 5 feet or less than 4 inches from the floor.

Readily Available: Fire extinguishers need to be mounted in a conspicuous location and have unobstructed access

Gauge Shows Discharged: Fire extinguishers need to be charged to operate. If this is caught during a monthly check please contact your service company immediately.

Electrical Issues

Extension Cords: Extension cords cannot be ran through walls or ceilings. They also are not meant to be permanent wiring.

Electrical Panel Clearance: There needs to be at least 30 inches of clearance from the electrical panel.

Unapproved Conditions: Electrical outlets including light switches need to have their cover plates installed. Junction boxes need to be covered. Openings in electrical panels need to be covered as well with blanks.

Combustibles in Electrical Rooms: No combustibles shall be stored or placed in electrical rooms.

Miscellaneous Violations

Updated Key: A current key for the Knox Box needs to be provided

Combustibles in Mechanical Rooms: These rooms or where this equipment is located needs to be kept free from combustible items.

Building Address: The buildings address needs to be on the building at all times and unobstructed from view.

Ceiling Tiles: Where ceiling tiles are installed in a fire sprinklered building or for smoke and fire ratings they shall be installed at all times.

Obstructed Fire Department Connection and Fire Hydrants: Fire department connections and fire hydrants need to be kept free from obstructions.

Fire Department Connection: This needs to be able to swivel freely at all times.

Compressed Gas Cylinders: All compressed gas cylinders need to be secured from falling at all times.

We hope this helps you prepare for a fire inspection at your business. If you have any questions or comments you can contact our Fire Inspector Brandon Rossi at 989-792-7596 extension 123 M-F 8am-4:30pm, or at brossi@kochvilletwp.com You may also contact the Fire Chief Alan Malesky at 989-792-7596 extension 125 or at alanm@kochvillefire.com

FIRE INSPECTION PREPARATION GUIDE



This guide is designed to assist you the, business owner or manager, in preparing for a fire inspection of your business. Most of the items in this guide are the most common fire code violations that are discovered. Some of the items that are mentioned in this guide may not apply to your business.

What is a Fire Inspection?

A fire inspection is a method to ensure that commercial buildings are free from immediate fire hazards, making sure all life safety equipment is working properly, and also to make sure each building is in compliance with the Fire Code. Most do not understand why we conduct fire inspections at each commercial business and why we also return to make sure the violations are taken care. Sadly almost all of the Fire Codes are developed due to a significant tragedy where there has been a significant loss of life or because repeated practices or unsafe conditions were determined to be the cause. Our goal in Kochville Township is to make sure we avoid these tragedies which keeps your business open and everyone safe. Also each business poses different challenges for firefighters, by conducting fire inspections we are making our Fire Department more prepared for an emergency at your business.

Common Questions

Weren't you here last year?

We attempt to inspect every commercial building at least once a year. However some businesses are inspected every 6 months due to their fire suppression system.

Why do I have to fill out this contact form again?

We want to make sure we have the most updated information about who to contact in the event of an after hours emergency. We understand that you also fill out this same information on your business license but we know that from time to time people may come and go.

How long does this take?

Most businesses can be completed in under 1 hour.

What else does the Kochville Fire Department offer us?

We offer free trainings with Fire Extinguishers, CPR/AED, First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, and Fire Prevention Displays for you public events. We can also assist you in large scale event planning.

Fire Alarm Systems

Annual Inspections: Fire alarm systems need to be inspected annually by a certified technician
Records of Testing: Testing records are needed to be on site at all times and a copy made for the Fire Code Official.

System in Operating Condition: Fire alarm systems need to be kept in working order. When there are trouble alarms or supervisory alarms on the panel those need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Deficiencies on Inspection Reports: Deficiencies that are noted on an inspection report need to be corrected.

Obstructed Equipment: Fire alarm equipment such as the fire alarm panel and manual pull stations need to be kept accessible at all time. Notification devices such as speakers and strobe lights need to also remain unobstructed as well.

Monitoring: Unless otherwise stated in the Fire Code, all fire alarm components need to be monitored at all times at a constantly attended location. Most businesses cannot provide this and use an offsite monitoring company

Fire Sprinkler Systems

Annual Inspections: Fire Sprinkler systems need to be inspected annually by a certified technician

Records of Testing: Testing records are needed to be on site at all times and a copy made for the Fire Code Official.

Deficiencies on Inspection Reports: Deficiencies that are noted on an inspection report need to be corrected.

Obstructed Equipment: All fire sprinkler risers need to be readily accessible at all times.

Obstructed Sprinkler Heads: There needs to be at least 18 inches of clearance below all sprinkler heads at all times.

Objects hung from Sprinkler Piping: Items cannot be hung from any fire sprinkler pipe.

Commercial Cooking Equipment

Fire Suppression System Inspection: Fire suppression systems for commercial cooking need to be inspected every 6 months by a certified company.

Cleaning: Commercial cooking equipment needs to be free from excessive grease accumulations and cleaned at regular intervals.

Records of Testing and Cleaning: Testing and cleaning records are needed to be on site at all times and a copy made for the Fire Code Official.

Class K Fire Extinguisher: A class K fire extinguisher with the same fire suppression agent that is in the fire suppression system needs to be within 30 feet from all cooking equipment.

Nozzle Protection: Where the nozzles for the fire suppression system are required they need to be installed to prevent grease from preventing the suppression agent from discharging.

Obstructed Manual Activation Device: Manual activation devices need to be kept free from obstructions that prevent them from being used.

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Egress Violations

Exit Light Illumination: Exit lights need to be illuminated at all times. There is a test button that removes the primary power to the light and runs it off the battery.

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Obstructed from Use: Egresses need to be kept free from debris, ice & snow accumulations, and any other item that can prevent its use.

Door Opening Force: It should not take more than 5 pounds of force to open any swinging egress door.