



Keene Fire Department Life Safety Inspection Program

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION?



You have an upcoming life safety inspection scheduled with the Keene Fire Department. During the inspection, we evaluate your property for compliance with important fire and life safety regulations such as exiting, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, storage of combustibles, electrical hazards and more.

To help you prepare for your inspection, use this checklist of the most frequently cited deficiencies. Make sure these violations don't exist on your property and it will help you pass your life safety inspection the first time and keep your building safe year-round!

Please contact us with any questions at 603-757-1860 or via email at kfdlifesafetyprogram@ci.keene.nh.us



TOP TEN FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS



- Street address** must be clearly marked and visible (in contrasting color) from the street fronting of the property
- Fire hydrants** located on your property must be visible and accessible at all times, with three feet of clearance on all sides and no parking within 10 feet.
- 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 must 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 mode. Lighted exit signs must be lit at all times.
- 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 a built-in circuit breaker may be used to protect computers and related equipment.
- Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced or purchased within the past 12 months.
- Fire sprinklers systems** shall be serviced and tested annually by a licensed fire protection contractor and inspected quarterly.
- Fire suppression systems** for commercial cooking operations (Hood Systems) must be serviced and tested every six months by a licensed fire protection contractor.
- Residential Properties**—Smoke alarms in every bedroom, smoke/co alarm on every level. Hard wired with battery back up or wireless with 10 year batteries.