

# Fire & Life Safety Bureau

"Excellence through Engineering, Education and Enforcement"



Every year in the United States there are **17,000 fires in places of business** that cause over **\$800 million in direct property damage**. These fires also endanger the lives of your employees and customers and place our fire fighters in extra hazardous situations.

**Protect everyone** and **safeguard your business** from the devastating effects of fire by keeping **Life Safety Features** working as intended.

**Life Safety Features** are numerous within buildings and not every feature will be in every building (features are installed based upon type of business), but many violations we uncover involve these following features:



**Exit Signs** help occupants quickly identify each way out of the building in the event of an emergency.

**Check Exit Signs Monthly.** Immediately repair signs that (1) are not continuously illuminated and/or (2) do not stay illuminated with test button pushed. Replacing battery will most likely correct deficiency (2).



**Emergency Lights** provide interior light when power failures occur, helping occupants safely find their way along paths of travel to exit doors.

**Check Emergency Lights Monthly.** Immediately repair any lights that do not illuminate with test button pushed. Replacing battery will most likely correct deficiency.



**Fire Extinguishers** are meant for putting out small fires or helping you escape from the area, not for fighting large out-of-control fires. Only those who are trained or know how to use a portable fire extinguisher should use one.

**Check Fire Extinguishers Monthly.** Verify extinguishers are fully charged and date on service tag is within last 12 months. If not, schedule annual service with the licensed contractor. Also, ensure extinguishers are installed no higher than 5-feet above the floor along normal paths of travel and readily accessible.



**Fire Alarm Systems** provide early warning to occupants and, depending upon the system design, promptly notify the fire department.

**Fire Sprinkler Systems** provide occupants time to evacuate by quickly suppressing the fire or controlling it until fire fighters arrive.

**Check Date on Test & Inspection Tags.** If date on the tag is more than 12 months past, schedule the required Test & Inspection with the licensed contractor.

On **Fire Sprinkler Systems**, also confirm the color of the tag is **GREEN**. If the tag is **RED** or **YELLOW**, deficiencies were noted during the last Test & Inspection. Confirm all deficiencies have been corrected with the licensed contractor.

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**Properly maintained Life Safety Features protect your Employees and Customers, and Provide safer conditions for Fire Fighters**

## Are You Ready for your Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspection?

Use our **Fire & Life Safety Checklist** to assess **all** Life Safety Features in addition to the features highlighted here. Correct deficiencies immediately upon discovery. Conduct on-going monthly checks to keep Life Safety Features working continuously throughout the year.



Get the checklist by scanning the QR code below:

