

# WMFR Fire & Life Safety Checklist

## For your Business

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### Means of Egress

- Are exits and exit access unobstructed?
- Is exit path to the outside clear?
- Do exits discharge to firm, level surface?
- Are approved exit signs used?
- Are exit signs illuminated?
- Does the battery back-up work when tested?
- Do emergency lights operate when tested?
- Does door/panic hardware operate properly?

### Fire Extinguishers

- **Fire Extinguisher certifications shall not be permitted to expire.**
- Are extinguishers conspicuously located?
- Are extinguishers fully charged?
- Are extinguishers unobstructed and visible?
- Are extinguishers located along normal path of travel?
- Are extinguishers located at proper height?
  - Less than 40 lbs., no more than 5 ft above floor
  - More than 40 lbs., no more than 3.5 ft above floor
  - Bottom no closer than 4 in. to floor
- Are extinguishers inspected annually?
- Do extinguishers have maintenance/inspection tag?
- Extinguishers shall have current certification; are you in compliance?

### Electrical

- Are panel covers mounted and secured?
- Are breakers marked?
- Are breaker spaces properly enclosed (no tape)?
- Is there 36 in. of clear space in front of panels?
- Are outlet/switch covers in place/undamaged?
- Are extension cords used properly?
  - Plugged directly into approved receptacle
  - Ampacity not less than rated capacity of appliance
  - No splices, deterioration, or damage
  - Not affixed to structures, extend through walls, ceilings, or floors, or under doors or floor coverings

- Has emergency generator been tested/maintained?
  - Record of inspection, testing, and repairs and are they available?

### Storage

- Are mechanical and electrical rooms free of storage and debris?
- Are combustibles properly stored?
  - Not less than 2 ft from ceiling (no sprinklers)
  - Not less than 3 ft from sources of heat
- Are flammable liquids properly stored?
- Are fire-rated doors in closed position?
- Are rooms in orderly condition?

### Signage

- Are 6" address numbers on front of building?
- Are all numbers contrasting colors and legible?
- Are Occupant Load limit signs posted (assembly occupancies)?
- Is evacuation plan posted?

### Cooking Equipment

- Fire Suppression Systems within your hood are required to be certified every 6 months. Are you compliant?
- Is the hood system free of excess grease and professionally cleaned? (see approved list on [wmfr.org](http://wmfr.org))
- Has hood system been serviced/inspected within past 6 months?
- Are all cooking appliances under hood?
- Are all cooking appliances properly protected?
- Is the Class K extinguisher within 30 feet of cooking area?
- Is the kitchen clean, no slippery floors, etc?

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- **Fire Alarm Systems certification shall not be permitted to expire.**
- Has the system been inspected and tested within the past 12 months?
- Are manual pull stations in good condition?
- Are smoke detectors in good condition?
- Are heat detectors in good condition?
- Is the FACP operational (system normal, no troubles, supervisory, etc.)?
- Is remote annunciator operational?
- Is battery back-up present and connected?
  - Are batteries less than 3 years old?
- Is the service log present and current?
- Are the system plans and operational manual present?
- Is the FACP door properly labeled?
  - Minimum 3" letters in contrasting color
- Are fire alarm zone maps present?
- Is your Emergency Action Plan conspicuously posted near your FACP?
- Is your Emergency Action Plan current?

### Sprinkler/Standpipe Systems

- **Sprinkler/Standpipe Systems certification shall not be permitted to expire.**
- Has the system been inspected/certified within the past 12 months?
- Are inspection tags present?
- Are all valves labeled, open, and accessible?
- Do all gauges show pressure?
- Are sprinkler heads unpainted, unobstructed, and have 18" minimum clearance?
- Is spare sprinkler head present with minimum 6 spare sprinkler heads and sprinkler head wrench?

### Features of Fire Protection

- Are penetrations in fire-rated barriers properly fire caulked?
- Are vertical openings protected/enclosed?

### Special Hazards

- Are compressed gas cylinders secured properly?
- Are fuel tanks in good condition and protected?
- Are hazardous materials stored properly?
- Are Safety Data Sheets (formerly MSDS) present and available?
- Are NFPA 704 placards posted?

### Knox Box

- Is Knox Box in proper location?
- Are keys marked and current?
- If you have changed the locks, have you contacted the fire department?
- Are elevator keys and/or FACP keys present?

### Hydrants

- Are hydrants visible and accessible?
- Do hydrants have proper clearance/height?
  - Minimum 7.5' in front and either side
  - Minimum 4' feet in rear
  - Minimum 18" from ground to cap nut
- Are hydrants painted and color-coded?

### Fire Department Connection (FDC)

- Is FDC painted, visible and accessible?
- Does FDC have proper clearance/height
  - Minimum 7.5' in front and either side
  - Minimum 4' in rear
  - Min 18" - Max 42" from ground to center of cap
- Is OS & Y chained and locked open?
- Does FDC have proper signage?
  - "FDC" in 6" red letters on white background
  - Posted 18"-24" above FDC, up to 4' behind

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