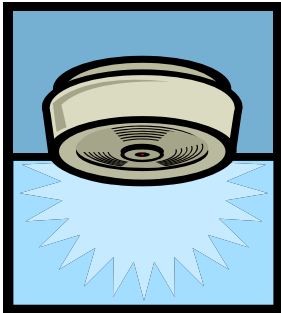




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Fire/Life Safety Inspections

*Saving lives and property by
helping to stop fire and
preventing injuries!*

Fire Safety Inspections



A major responsibility of the Hays County Fire Marshal's Office is fire prevention. One method employed

to reduce the number of fires is by conducting fire and life safety inspections. Our office conducts inspections in accordance with the federal and state regulations and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code. Our goal is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and the amount of property loss from fire, thus enhancing the public health, safety and welfare for all citizens and visitors in our county.

We want to work with you to ensure that if a fire were to occur, damage is limited as much as possible and firefighters can operate efficiently and safely. Practicing fire prevention and addressing fire hazards is a great investment.

We know that you, as a property owner or manager, care about the level of safety in your building and on the premises. When a Fire Inspector visits, we strongly encourage you to accompany the inspector. This mutual assistance in the inspection of building and premises can greatly enhance the level of fire and life safety for you and the general public.



Fire Inspections Checklist

We have compiled a list of some common hazards to assist you in preparing your business for a fire and life safety inspection. Feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may identify with your inspector.

Interior Hazards

- Do you have at least a thirty-six inch wide path to all exit doors?
- Do your exit doors open freely, and are they unlocked?
- If equipped, are all fire doors able to close freely, and free of hold open devices?
- If equipped, are all exit and emergency lights operating, including backup power?
- Is storage contained so that nothing capable of burning is within two feet of the ceiling?
- Do you have at least thirty-six inches clear space around your furnace, water heater and other heat-producing appliances?
- Do you keep the area underneath exposed interior stairwells free of storage?
- Are your walls and ceiling free of holes or missing acoustical tiles?
- Do you have all compressed gas cylinders secured or chained so they can't fall over?
- Are flammable liquids identified and stored in their original containers?
- Are utility shutoffs, fire alarm panels, and sprinkler controls easily accessible to firefighters in case of an emergency?
- Are utility shutoffs, fire alarm panels and sprinkler controls clearly labeled?

Fire Alarm Systems

Some buildings require a fire alarm system because of the number of occupants or the type of business operation. If you have a fire alarm system installed, be sure to check the following:

Does the fire alarm system show "Trouble" or "Alarm" on the keypad or alarm panel? If so, contact a qualified alarm contractor to restore your system.

Fire Sprinkler Systems

Some buildings require a fire sprinkler system because of the size of the building or the type of business operation. If you have a sprinkler system installed, be sure to check the following:

- Has the fire sprinkler system been inspected and tagged by a qualified contractor within the past year?
- Is there at least three feet of clear space around sprinkler connections and valves?
- Are spare sprinkler heads and appropriate wrench installed in a cabinet near the sprinkler riser?
- Is the fire department connection on the outside of the building free of obstruction and are the caps in place?

Fire Extinguishers

- Do you have a fire extinguisher installed so that an individual would not have to travel more than seventy-five feet to access one?
- Are all fire extinguishers within clear view and easily accessible?
- Have all fire extinguishers been inspected and tagged by a qualified contractor within the past year?

Electrical Hazards

- Is your business free of electrical overload, extension cords, and multi-plug adapters?
- Are all electrical outlet and switch contacts covered with a safety plate?
- Is your business free of any open electric boxes, exposed wiring, or open spaces in your fuse/breaker panel?
- Do you have at least a thirty-six inch clearance around any fuse/breaker panel?
- Is your fuse/breaker panel clearly labeled so power can be disconnected quickly in the event of an emergency?

Exterior Hazards

- Are you storing anything that could burn close to your building or under overhangs?
- Is your address clearly visible from the street with at least four inch contrasting numbers?
- Is there at least three feet clear space around any fire hydrant on the property?
- Are smoking areas clearly identified and proper cigarette receptacles provided?