Fire Inspections
Fires destroy millions of dollars worth of properties, and thousands of lives each year. Fire in your communities result in closed businesses, homeless families, and the death of citizens as well as firefighters. The tragic fact about these losses is that they may be prevented. By performing regular inspections, you may be able to discover many hazardous conditions and prevent fire losses in your community.
During any inspection, the inspector will present the appropriate document for verification of information.
The following are some of the possible violations an inspector encounters during an inspection.
Provide approved type fire extinguisher

Hang or rehang fire extinguisher so that the top of the extinguisher measures no more than five (5) feet from the floor
Keep exit signs illuminated.
Remove unapproved exit or directional sign

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Recharge Fire Extinguishers.

Provide current tags.
Repair self-closing device
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Repair test manifold

Provide appropriate covering for each 2 1/2" port
Re-hang fire-door in path of travel

Maintain continuous and uninterrupted means of egress

Keep exit signs illuminated.
Discontinue storage of hazardous chemicals

Provide a building or vault for corrosive liquids

Discontinue storing oxygen cylinders near oil, grease or any other substance likely to cause or accelerate fire

Provide a hazardous material license

Remove all spare full and empty LPG from inside of building.
Protect LPG containers from mechanical injury by means of iron bars or railings
Repair or replace defective fire pump
Maintain automatic sprinkler system at once
Replace all sprinkler heads where they are painted.

Remove all flaking, peeling, chipped or loose paint

Referral to the building department
Repair or replace defective branch line.
Provide handrail where same are missing from stairway.
Provide an approved sign reading "Standpipe" at the standpipe siamese connection.

Clean, oil and free up Fire Department siamese connection
Replace caps and gaskets where same are missing and oil and free up the swivels of the Fire Department's siamese connection.
Remove rubbish.
Abate nuisance caused by the improper storage of garbage.
Repair and maintain wall.

Referral to the building department
Seal up openings in walls where walls have been breached with approved fire resistive materials to bring building back to its original construction.

Discontinue use of extension cords.

Referral to the electrical department.
Repair all fire doors and place in good operating condition

Provide an approved class A Fire Door

Submit plans and obtain a permit from the department of buildings before starting work
Replace damaged and/or painted fusible link on automatic self-closing door.
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