



Sioux Falls Fire Rescue



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Fire & Life-Safety Checklist: Hospitals

The following Fire Code requirements are specific for **Hospital** occupancies and should be used as a *supplement* to the "**Commercial Business Fire and Life-Safety Checklist**".

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Extinguishers are visible, readily accessible, and mounted no higher than 5 ft. above the floor to the top of the handle.
- Extinguishers are serviced and tagged ***annually*** by a fire extinguisher service contractor.

AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

- Required systems are maintained, tested and tagged ***annually*** by an automatic sprinkler systems contractor.
- Sprinkler pipe, heads and other appurtenances are free of decorations and/or attachments.
- Defective or compromised sprinkler heads (recalled, corroded, painted) are replaced.
- 18" of clear space is maintained below sprinkler heads.
- Maintenance and testing records are maintained at the facility and available for review by fire officials.
- Spare sprinkler heads and wrenches are present in sprinkler cabinets located near the fire riser/s.

FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS

- Required systems are maintained in normal operation, and are tested within the approved schedule by a "qualified person" as defined in the SFFR Policy Bulletin 09-22.

MEANS OF EGRESS

- Exit doors, aisles, corridors and stairs are free of obstructions and storage.
- Exit and egress doors are prohibited from having special locking mechanisms that could delay an emergency egress such as special fasteners, chains, or deadbolts.
- Exit signs are visible, illuminated and the battery backup functions properly.
- Emergency lights are visible and operate.

FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

- The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated construction shall be maintained.

- Opening protectives (fire doors) shall be maintained in an operative condition in accordance with NFPA 80.
- Horizontal and vertical sliding and rolling fire doors shall be inspected ***annually***.
- Flammable vapor vent opening protectives shall be maintained. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND RESPONSE PROCEDURES

- Employees shall be annually trained in the fire emergency procedures described in their fire evacuation and fire safety plans.

COMMERCIAL COOKING OPERATIONS

- Commercial cooking fire-extinguishing systems shall be serviced at least every six months and after activation of the system. Inspection shall be by qualified individuals.
- Fusible links and automatic sprinkler heads in commercial cooking systems shall be replaced at least annually, and other protection devices shall be serviced or replaced in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Where changes in the cooking media, positioning of cooking equipment or replacement of cooking equipment occur in existing commercial cooking systems, the automatic fire-extinguishing system shall be required to comply with all additional applicable provisions.
- Cooking equipment involving solid fuels or vegetable or animal oils and fats shall be protected by a Class K rated portable extinguisher.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Prevention, control and mitigation of dangerous conditions related to storage, dispensing, use and handling of hazardous materials shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws; as well as all applicable chapters of the Fire Code of Sioux Falls, and policies of Sioux Falls Fire Rescue.

If you have additional questions concerning fire inspections, please contact us at 367-8093.