



LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR NEW BUSINESSES

A life safety inspection is required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for a New Business. We recommend businesses review the following list of code requirements to prepare for this inspection as compliance with the following items will result in a quicker turnaround time for receiving your Certificate of Occupancy – Business.

Failure to comply will require additional time to bring the space into compliance and require a second inspection by the City of Tucker Fire Marshal.

- Emergency exit lights are installed. If illumination is required, the illumination is in working order.
- 10 lb. fire extinguisher(s) are located in the business and are tagged and serviced annually by a certified company.
- Smoke detectors are operational, and batteries are checked and/or replaced every 6 months.
- Fire sprinklers and alarm systems, if required, are operational and inspected annually by a certified company. In order to be in compliance, the fire sprinkler system should have a green tag with an inspection date within the past 12 months.
- Emergency exit doors and emergency access pathways are not blocked.
- Electrical boxes, hot water heater areas, etc. have a minimum of 36 inches of clear space, meaning these areas cannot be used for storage or have any items that block access to them.
- Circuit breakers are labeled to show what they control. There should be no exposed wires inside the breaker box.
- No extension cords are being used. Only UL listed power strips are permitted.
- The building address number is clearly visible from the street. This helps emergency responders be able to locate the business in the event of an emergency.

The State Fire Marshal's Office maintains a list of professionals who are licensed to service fire extinguishers and fire sprinkler systems:

<https://oci.georgia.gov/inspections-permits-plans/licensed-professionals-search>