

Fire Inspection Checklist for Businesses

- Keep exits clear – remove all trash, furniture and other items that are blocking aisles, hallways and doors.
- Remove chains, bars, slide bolts, dead bolts, or other latches that prohibit an occupant from easily exiting through a door.
- Replace burned out EXIT sign and emergency light bulbs.
- Building addresses and suite numbers must be posted with large numbers & letters that are visible from the street.
- Fire protection systems (fire sprinklers, fire alarms, etc.) must be inspected at least annually by a licensed contractor – check for a current inspection tag.
- Required fire extinguishers must be inspected at least annually by a licensed contractor – check for a current inspection tag.
- Commercial cooking hoods and ducts must be clean and free of grease accumulations.
- Keep combustibles out of boiler, mechanical, and electrical rooms.
- Keep the top of storage at least 18 inches below fire sprinklers or 2 feet below ceilings without fire sprinklers.
- Storage areas, warehouses, and similar areas where the top of storage can exceed 12 feet in height may have special requirements. Check with Thornton Fire Department personnel to find out if your building is approved for high storage.
- Most electrical appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Extension cords are allowed in limited circumstances, generally with small, portable appliances. Use a power strip with overcurrent protection.