



The Camas-Washougal Fire Marshal's Office inspects all new and existing buildings within our jurisdiction.

The main focus in performing these 'Fire and Life Safety' inspections is the safety of the employees, customers and residents of commercial buildings.

This flyer identifies some of the most common deficiencies found during inspections.

Please review the common fire code deficiencies and correct any potential deficiencies in anticipation of our inspection. This will help you to pass your inspection and make your building safe year-round.

Please contact our office with any questions.

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# ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FIRE INSPECTION ?



## Common Fire Code Deficiencies

**Street address** must be clearly marked (in contrasting color) and visible from the street.

**Exit doors** must open easily from the inside. Locks shall not require special knowledge or keys. The only exception is a main storefront door with a sign above that reads, "THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN BUILDING IS OCCUPIED".

**Aisles, walkways, stairways and paths** leading to exits must be clear of storage and obstructions.

**Emergency lights and exit signs** must work properly, be lit at all times and provide a minimum of 90 minutes of illumination when in back up power mode.

**Electrical outlets, junction boxes, and circuit breaker panels** must be covered and outlets and junction boxes must have the appropriate cover plates. Panels must have clearance for access at ALL times.

**Electrical extension cords** cannot be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. These are only approved for 'temporary use' (for example: operating a power tool or vacuum for a short period). Multi-outlet power strips with built-in circuit breakers may be used in some applications.

**Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced every 12 months.

**Fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems** must be serviced and tested every 12 months by a licensed fire protection contractor.

**Fire suppression systems for commercial cooking** (hood systems) must be serviced and tested every 6 months by a licensed fire protection contractor.