



BROWNSVILLE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Prior to scheduling your Fire Inspection you will need the following:

1. Fire Inspections will be scheduled between the hours of 9am-11am and 2pm-4pm. Someone has to be present at the time of inspection. Fire Inspections must be rescheduled if nobody is available for inspection.
2. The building/facility to be inspected **must have electricity.**
3. New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street fronting the property. No less than 4" in height. These numbers shall contrast the color of the background.
4. All buildings/facilities must have a **minimum of one 5 pound Class ABC** fire extinguisher every **75' WALKING distance**. Extinguishers must be inspected and tagged by a licensed fire extinguisher company. Extinguishers should be mounted at eye level (5' max). A **Class K** extinguisher is required in all kitchens with fryers or where cooking with grease/oil.
5. EXIT signs required with lighting, must be working.
6. ALL designated EXITS MUST be UNLOCKED. EXIT doors must be readily operable from the egress side WITHOUT the use of a key or special knowledge or effort. Manually operated **BOLT LOCKS are not permitted.**
7. Emergency lighting is required in rooms/buildings without windows or natural lighting.
8. There should not be missing ceiling tiles in false ceilings or holes in walls.
9. All electrical outlets, junction boxes and breakers boxes must have safety covers.
10. Extension cords and multi-plug adapters are NOT permitted for permanent use.
11. All outlets within 6' of any source of water must be GFCI. (exception: designated outlets for refrigerators or water fountains)
12. Re-inspection fee will be charged if business does not pass second inspection.

***These 12 items do not cover ALL possible requirements for specific occupancies. These are GUIDELINES ONLY. All local, state and federal codes, ordinances and rules must be followed.**