



CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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PRE-FIRE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

“OUR COMMUNITY CONFIDENT IN SAFETY.”

ACCESS & PREMISES	YES	NO	N/A
ADDRESS NUMBERS FOR THE BUILDING ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE STREET			
EXTERIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS IS UNOBSTRUCTED			
STORAGE SHALL BE NEAT & ORDERLY			
THERE IS A 3 FT. CLEARANCE MAINTAINED AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS			

EGRESS (EXITING)			
EXIT WAYS & DOORS ARE EASILY RECOGNIZABLE, UNOBSTRUCTED, & MAINTAINED			
EXIT DOORS ARE UNLOCKED & OPERABLE FROM INSIDE W/O THE USE OF A KEY OR ANY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR EFFORT			
IF EXIT SIGNS ARE REQUIRED, ARE THEY MAINTAINED ILLUMINATED OR SELF-LUMINOUS			
DOES THE BACKUP BATTERY WORK? (PRESS THE TEST BUTTON, THE EXIT SIGN SHOULD STAY ILLUMINATED UNDER BATTERY POWER)			
IF EMERGENCY LIGHTING IS PROVIDED, IS IT MAINTAINED IN OPERABLE CONDITION			
THE MEANS OF EGRESS IS ILLUMINATED WHEN THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE IS OCCUPIED			

ELECTRICAL			
ALL ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, SWITCHES, & JUNCTION BOXES ARE PROPERLY COVERED WITH COVER PLATES			
CIRCUIT BREAKERS/FUSES ARE LABELED SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE AREA PROTECTED			
36" CLEARANCE IS MAINTAINED IN FRONT OF & AROUND THE ELECTRICAL PANEL			
EXTENSION CORDS SHALL NOT BE USED AS PERMANENTLY WIRING			
IF MULTIPLE ITEMS NEED TO BE PLUGGED IN, IS A POWER TAP UTILIZED WITH A BUILT-IN CIRCUIT BREAKER & IS THE POWER TAP PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A PERMANENTLY INSTALLED RECEPTACLE?			
MULTIPLUG ADAPTORS, SUCH AS CUBE ADAPTORS, INFUSED PLUG STRIP OR ANY DEVICE NOT COMPLYING WITH NFPA 70 SHALL BE PROHIBITED			
SPACE HEATER(S) SHALL NOT BE OPERATED WITHIN 3 FT. OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL & SHALL BE PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A PERMANENTLY INSTALLED RECEPTACLE			

MANUAL/ PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER			
SHALL BE VISIBLE, UNOBSTRUCTED, & ACCESSIBLE			
SHALL BE INSPECTED & TESTED ANNUALLY			
SHALL BE MOUNTED OR IN EXTINGUISHER CABINETS			
REQUIRED FIRE EXTINGUISHER MINIMUM SIZE 2:A-10:BC			

FLAMMABLE/COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS & GASES			
PROPER STORAGE & CONTAINERS SHALL BE UTILIZED			
CONTAINERS SHALL HAVE APPROPRIATE WARNING(S)			
STORAGE PROTECTED FROM SOURCES OF IGNITION			
COVERS & CAPS SHALL BE TIGHTLY IN PLACE			
COMPRESSED CYLINDERS SHALL BE PROPERLY STORED AND SECURED			
COMPRESSED GAS SHALL HAVE APPROPRIATE WARNING(S)			

COOKING OPERATIONS			
HOOD SUPPRESSION SYSTEM MAINTAINED & OPERABLE			
HOODS, DUCTS, AND FILTERS SHALL BE FREE OF GREASE & DUST			
HOOD SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSPECTED EVERY 6 MONTHS			
REQUIRED CLASS K EXTINGUISHER(S) SHALL BE WITHIN 30 FT. OF THE COOKING MEDIUM			

SPRINKLER/STANDPIPE EQUIPMENT			
WATER SUPPLY VALVE SHALL BE OPEN/SEALED			
SPRINKLER HEADS SHALL HAVE PROPER CLEARANCE & UNPAINTED			
STANDPIPE VALVES SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE & FREE OF DEFECTS			
FD CONNECTION SHALL BE UNOBSTRUCTED & FREE OF DEFECTS			
FIRE PUMPS SHALL BE MAINTAINED & OPERABLE			
LABEL SPRINKLER & ALARM EQUIPMENT DOORS/ROOM			
WHERE SPRINKLERS ARE PRESENT THE REQUIRED FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE MAINTAINED (FIRE DOORS, FIRE WALLS, BARRIERS ETC.)			
PERIODIC TESTING SHALL BE DOCUMENTED & CURRENT			

ALARM EQUIPMENT			
SYSTEM SHALL BE ON AND OPERABLE			
DETECTORS & SIGNALING DEVICES SHALL BE FREE OF DEFECTS			
PERIODIC TESTING SHALL BE DOCUMENTED AND CURRENT			

NOTE: THE CHECKLIST IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE, AND SERVES TO PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING YOUR BUSINESS WITHIN CITY AND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE STANDARDS. PLEASE REFER TO THE 2015 STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND CHAPTER 16 OF NEWPORT NEWS CITY CODE FOR ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE NEWPORT NEWS FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE (757) 247-8873.



DIRECT LINK TO ELECTRONIC CHECKLIST