

# Annual Fire Inspections

The Fountain Valley Fire Department inspects all business occupancies annually. Fire inspections are conducted by fire station personnel, fire prevention staff, and volunteers. You may be inspected by any of the above fire department personnel, depending on the size and nature of your business. Below you will see some of the things we look for during an annual fire inspection. This list is not meant to be all inclusive and will vary for more complex occupancies.

## **Access**

- \* Address on building should be visible from the street and contrasting from the background.
- \* Dedicated fire lanes should be clearly identifiable and free of storage, vehicles, etc.

## **Plans and Permits**

- \* Business License – Every business in the city must have a business license.
- \* Fire Code Permits – Required for specialty occupancies and processes.

## **Exiting**

- \* Obstructions – storage, furniture, equipment, gates, etc shall not obstruct exit doors.

## **Fire Protection**

- \* Fire extinguishers are required in each business. The type must be appropriate for the use.
- \* Fire extinguishers must be serviced annually.
- \* Fire extinguishers must be mounted no more than 5 feet off the ground in public accessible areas.
- \* Kitchen fire protection systems must be serviced and tagged every six months.

## **Fire Sprinkler Systems**

- \* Must be serviced and tagged every five years. Tag shall be posted on Riser.
- \* Quarterly maintenance must also be done.

## **Electrical**

- \* Extension cords may not be used in place of permanent wiring. Surge protectors shall be used in lieu of extension cords and must have 15-amp breaker.
- \* Maintain at least 30” clearance around electrical panels.
- \* Panels, outlets, switches, and wiring need to be covered and secure.

## **Storage**

- \* 24” below ceiling in non- sprinkled buildings.
- \* 18” below sprinkler head in sprinkled buildings.
- \* Combustibles shall not be stored in/or around water heaters, mechanical or electrical rooms.