



THE CITY OF WESTON  
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FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES  
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## Informational Resource – Common Fire Inspection Items Certificate of Use (CU) Inspection

The Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Prevention Bureau is providing this information to you as a resource to help prepare for your certificate-of-use fire inspection. Our goal is to give you as much information as possible prior to the inspection, with the hopes of passing the initial fire inspection. All businesses are required to comply with the currently adopted edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code. A read-only version of the code is available online at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/BFP/FloridaFirePreventionCodePage.htm>.

The fire safety codes below are not a complete list but are some of the common items which may cause a re-inspection at the property due to noncompliance. Please call us at the number above with any questions.

- 1. *The property address numbers shall be a min. of 6" for commercial properties and a min. of 3" for residential properties, visible from the street and contrasting in color from the building. Address numbers shall be identified on the front and rear doors of the buildings when there are multiple tenants within one building.*** (NFPA 1-10.12)
- 2. *If a fire department access box (Knox) is present for the building, keys shall be provided to the inspector to be placed in the box at the time of the inspection in the presence of the property representative.*** (NFPA 1-18.2.2)
- 3. *All furniture, machinery, and other items needed for conducting business should be in place at the time of the CU Inspection.*** (NFPA 1-4.1.3.1)
- 4. *If fire protection and life safety systems are present, such as fire sprinkler systems and back-flow prevention devices; fire pumps; standpipe systems; emergency generators; fire alarm systems; fixed fire suppression systems for paint spray booths, mixing rooms, cooking equipment, and record rooms; smoke detection systems and smoke detectors; current test/maintenance/inspection reports completed by a properly licensed contractor for these systems needs to be present on site for verification by the fire inspector.*** (NFPA 1-4.5.8)
- 5. *Portable fire extinguishers are required and shall be of the appropriate type, size, location (mounted), and shall be certified annually by a licensed fire extinguisher service company.*** (NFPA 1-13.6)



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6. ***Extension cords shall not be: used as a substitute for permanent wiring; affixed to structures; or extended through walls, ceiling or floors or under doors or floor coverings. (NFPA 1-11.1.7)***
7. ***Multi-plug adapters, such as strip plugs and other devices shall be listed and used in accordance with their listing. Multi-plug adapters shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring or receptacles. (NFPA 1-11.1.7)***
8. ***Ceiling tiles and/or fire gypsum wall-board walls or ceilings that are missing or damaged to the extent that through openings exist shall be repaired or replaced equal to the fire resistive rating of the product previously approved or where fire sprinklers or detectors are present. (NFPA 1-12.3.3)***
9. ***All electric panels shall have the breakers labeled according to their circuit location. All openings in the panel shall be covered by blanks or approved covers. (NFPA 1-11.1.9)***
10. ***All means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions and impediments to the exit door. Locks and latches on egress doors must comply with the NFPA 101-Life Safety Code. Any device or alarm to restrict the improper use of an exit shall be designed for such use and used in accordance with the applicable occupancy use code section. (NFPA 1-14.4)***
11. ***Exit signs and emergency lighting, if required, shall be functional at the time of inspection. To ensure, proper functionality, test according to the manufacturer's instructions. Typically, there is a test button located on the appliance. (NFPA 1-14.14)***
12. ***Any alterations to the floor layout, such as changes in walls, doors, or other structural elements, as well as modifications to any electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or fire protection systems must be permitted through Weston Building Department.***