

# Hazel Park Fire Department

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## Basic Fire Safety Inspection

### Portable Fire Extinguishers:

- Inspected yearly and tagged by an approved company, tag must have current date
- Maximum travel distance to an extinguisher is 75 feet, 50 feet in areas where cars/trucks are repaired or serviced
- Extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view and readily available to use
- Must be mounted to a wall with an appropriate bracket, no higher than 5 feet and no lower than 4 inches from the floor

### Exit Signs:

- Must be installed to identify all exit ways
- Must be illuminated at all times
- Must be hardwired and have a battery back up in event of a power failure

### Exits:

- Exits and exit doors must not be obstructed
- Exit doors must freely open
- Exit doors shall not be locked, chained, bolted, or barred
- Usually have a test button (test monthly)

### Emergency Lights:

- Located in hallways or exit paths
- Must be hard wired with battery back up in event of power failure
- Usually have a test button (test monthly)

### Extension Cords and Power strips:

- Do not use extension cords for permanent wiring
- Electrical appliances must be wired or plugged directly into approved electrical outlets
- Multi-plug adaptors must be provided with over-current protection (circuit breaker)

### Combustible Storage near Heating Units or Electrical Panels:

- Provide 36 inches of clearance around all heating appliances (Water Heater, Furnace, Boiler)
- Provide 30 inches of clearance around electrical panels

### Fire Suppression and Fire Alarm Systems:

- Fire suppression systems that protect commercial cooking equipment require service by a qualified company every 6 months and have an up to date inspection tag
- All other fire suppression systems require service by a qualified company annually and have an up to date inspection tag
- 18 inches of clearance is required below sprinkler heads
- Fire Alarm systems require annual inspection by a qualified company

### Compressed Gas Cylinders:

- Secure all cylinders containing compressed gases (oxygen, helium, carbon dioxide, etc.) with chains or straps to prevent accidental tip overs

This list by no means is intended to cover everything that is under the fire code or that will be inspected, as every business and building is different. This is a general guideline covering the basic and most common items on the inspection. If you have any questions or need an inspection, please contact the Fire Marshal by phone or email listed below. Inspections are good for one year and are required for business and landlord licenses.

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