Home Based Business

Fire Safety Pre Inspection Checklist

Instructions: If your Business has persons entering your home to receive a commodity/service or is hazardous in nature (i.e. manufacturing, woodworking, etc.) this inspection is required. If it is only internet based and/or the public will not be entering then a pre fire safety inspection is not needed. Please e-mail fireprevention@usma.edu to have a pre fire safety inspection and subsequent final inspection prior to submitting your home based business application. After the pre inspection is complete an additional final inspection will be conducted 10 business days later to ensure all requirements are compliant. If all code requirements are met you may submit the entire application to FMWR for processing.

Facility #:	Report Completed By:	Date Completed:

Choose Y/N/NA Building Exterior

Address numbers plainly legible and visible from the street
A parking space is dedicated IAW ADA standards
Business meets the requirements for ADA accessability

Housekeeping

Oily rags and materials subject to spontaneous combustion stored in a UL listed container
Fueled vehicles or equipment stored inside
Flammable and Combustible Liquid storage is within UL listed fire rated cabinet
Storage height is at least 18 inches below sprinkler deflectors or 2 feet below a non-sprinklered ceiling
Combustibles are not stored in exits or exit enclosures

Fire Safety & Evacuation Plans

911 stickers placed on each telephone
Fire safety and evacuation plan is conspicuous to patrons
Right to Know Station is made available (i.e SDS)
Business Owner has received Fire Safety Training
Business Owner has received Fire Extinguisher Training

Building Services

Boiler, mechanical, and electrical equipment rooms are not used for storage
Rooms containing air-handling or air-conditioning equipment; sprinkler risers and valves or fire alarm panels are marked with a signs MECHANICAL, SPRINKLER CONTROLS or FIRE PUMP, FIRE ALARM PANEL or FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL
Portable, unvented, fueled-fired heating equipment is not used
Working clearance from electrical equipment is maintained at 36 inches
Electrical room doors are properly marked with a sign Electrical Room
Extension cords are not utilized as a permanent source of wiring
Extension cords are plugged directly into an approved receptacle and serve only one portable appliance.
Surge protectors are only utilized for electronic equipment and not interconnected
All junction boxes, switch and electrical outlet boxes have covers
All equipment meets OSHA safety requirements
Electrical Panel Breakers are all labeled
Hoods, grease removal devices, fans, and ducts, are cleaned every 6 months

Fire Extinguishers

All portable fire extinguishers are inspected on a monthly basis and inspection annotated on provided tag or spreadsheet
Fire extinguishers are in conspicuous locations, accessible, and immediately available for use
Fire extinguishers are mounted/labeled and not obstructed or obscured from view

Exit signs are internally or externally illuminated
Emergency lights operate under emergency power conditions
Means of egress are free from obstructions including the accumulation of snow and ice
Furnishing, decorations, other objects do not block exits
Doors are not held open by temporary devices (chocks, rope, hangers, etc.)

Additional Comments