

Electrical Switchboards and Panels shall be accessible at all times.

- A minimum width of 30 inches shall be maintained free of obstruction around all panels.
- All electrical panels shall be properly labeled and all circuits identified as to their purpose.
- The California Fire Code requires all circuit protected power strips to be of polarized and grounded type, having over current protection and shall be listed by Underwriters Laboratories.
- Power strips shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.
- Power strip cords shall not extend through walls, ceiling, floors, under doors or floor coverings, or be subjected to environmental or physical damage.

All open electrical circuits shall be covered by an approved electrical panel blank cover. These covers may be obtained from most hardware stores. Keeping circuit panels open makes the possibility for electrical shock high.

All interior wall and ceiling finishes shall be maintained as required by section 703 of the California Fire Code. Holes in the walls and ceiling provide avenues for fire to travel and extend to other areas of the buildings. All holes shall be repaired in accordance with the Building Code.

Your Fire Department....

Is conducting annual fire safety inspections in an effort to make your business a safe place for you, your customers and your investments. The department does have the authority to enforce the California Fire Code and issue citations if the situation arises.

These are only a few of the many sections of the Fire Code. These guidelines are provided to help you pass a fire inspection. However, this doesn't mean you won't have violations. Use the information contained in this brochure and the checklist below to help your inspection go smoothly. You can review the entire Fire Code at your local library and you will be given adequate time to correct most violations.

If you have any questions regarding the Diamond Springs/El Dorado Fire Protection District's inspection program, please contact us at 530-626-3190.

We're here to serve you.

Address Visibility

Outdoor maintenance complete.

Door Hardware

Entrance/Exit signage-blocked exit?

Extension Cord (s):

- Clear and unobstructed
- Capacity doesn't exceed appliance

Fire Extinguisher (s):

- Amount
- Type
- Inspection/Annual service date
- Accessibility
- Proper mounting

Please read these helpful hints to pass your annual

Fire Department Inspection

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When the Diamond Springs / El Dorado Fire Protection District does a Fire Prevention Inspection, we start with the outside of the business, specifically your address. The California Fire Code section 505.1 requires “all addresses be posted in a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road.”

We then look for outside maintenance and house-keeping. Dry vegetation too close to the building and accumulations of waste materials and clutter need to be cleared. Section 304 of the California Fire Code requires all combustible rubbish shall be kept in non-combustible containers and not allowed to be accumulated within or adjacent to structures.

When entering your building, we check the type of hardware your front door uses. The building Code requires “No Special Knowledge Hardware” on all exits. “No Special Knowledge” means one operation, i.e. turning the doorknob or lever.

We check to see if your front door uses a deadbolt type locking device. If a deadbolt is used, then a sign must be posted above the door on the interior that states:

“This Door To Remain Unlocked During Business Hours”.

This is to help prevent you, the business owner, from creating a blocked exit in case of a fire related emergency. Some Exit doors may require EXIT signs and additional illumination.

Electrical Extension cords are fires waiting to happen.

Electrical extension cords shall not be used in place of permanent wiring. Running extension cords through and/or over walls, doorways and under carpeting is prohibited. Extension cords shall be used with portable appliances.

When portable appliances are used, make sure the appliance being used does not exceed the capacity of the cord and always have a cord in good working condition without splices, deterioration or damage.

One of the things we look at is your fire extinguishers

- Does your building have them? Do you have enough of them?
- Are they mounted properly?
- Have they received their annual maintenance?

The California Fire Code requires all buildings be protected by portable fire extinguishers.

The size, type and amount required depends upon your type of business.

Below are fire extinguisher requirements of the Fire Code:

<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Travel Distance</u>
Assemblies	2A10BC	75 FT. Maximum*
Business	2A10 BC	75 FT. Maximum*
Education	2A10 BC	75 FT. Maximum*
Institution	2A10BC	75 FT. Maximum*
Commercial Kitchens	Type K	Near the Equipment to be protected. Not exceed 30 ft.
Gasoline Dispensing Facilities	2A20 BC	Within 75 ft of any dispenser pump or fill pipe.

Other Fire Extinguisher Requirements:

1. The Fire extinguisher must be readily visible and easily accessible at all times.
2. The unit must be mounted to a wall or other fixed object.
3. The top of the extinguisher shall not be any higher than 5 feet from the floor or 4 inches from the bottom of the extinguisher to the floor. Recommended 48”.
4. The State of California requires that all portable fire extinguishers are serviced annually by a licensed fire extinguisher company.