

The most common fire & life safety violations:



1) Blocked exits and passage ways



Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §1021.1 Exit Passageways; Exit passageways serving as an exit component in a means of egress system shall comply with the requirements of this section. An exit passageway shall not be used for any purpose other than as a means of egress.

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §1028.2 Reliability; Required exit accesses, exits or exit discharges shall be continuously maintained free from obstruction or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency when the areas served by such exits are occupied. Security devices affecting means of egress shall be subject to approval of the fire code official.

2) Failure to maintain Emergency/Exit lights in working condition



- Existing exit signs and emergency lighting shall be maintained and unobstructed.

-Additional exit signs and emergency lighting may be required based on code requirements and occupancy.

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §1028.4 Exit Signs; Exit signs shall be installed and maintained. Decorations, furnishings, equipment or adjacent to signage that impairs the visibility of exit signs, creates confusion or prevents identification of the exit shall not be allowed.

3) Extension Cord Use



Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §605.5 Extension Cords; Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

4) Failure to Test, Maintain & Inspect Fire Safety Equipment

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §901.6 Inspection, testing and maintenance; Fire detection, alarm and extinguishing systems shall be maintained in an operative condition at all times, and shall be replaced or repaired where defective.

Fire Extinguishers- Annually Inspected by a Licensed Fire Extinguisher Company

Fire extinguishers can be purchased from a licensed fire extinguisher company. The required extinguisher for most places of business is a 10lbs. ABC fire extinguisher. Businesses that serve food and other special hazards may require additional and/or different fire extinguisher.

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §906.3; Maximum travel distance between fire extinguishers 75feet



Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §906.5 Conspicuous Location; Portable fire extinguishers shall be located in conspicuous locations where they will be readily accessible and immediately available for use. These locations shall be along normal paths of travel, unless the fire code official determines that the hazard posed indicates the need for placement away from normal paths of travel.

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §906.9 Height above floor; Portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight not exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that its top is not more than 5 feet (1524 mm) above the floor. Hand-held portable fire extinguishers having a gross weight exceeding 40 pounds (18 kg) shall be installed so that its top is not more than 3.5 feet (1067 mm) above the floor. The clearance between the floor and the bottom of installed hand-held extinguishers shall not be less than 4 inches (102 mm).

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §906.6 Unobstructed and Un-obscured; Portable fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view. In rooms or areas in which visual obstruction cannot be completely avoided, means shall be provided to indicate the locations of extinguishers.

Fire Alarm System– Annually Inspected by a Licensed Alarm Company

Automatic Sprinkler System-Annually Inspected by a Licensed Company

All deficiencies to the sprinkler system shall be corrected



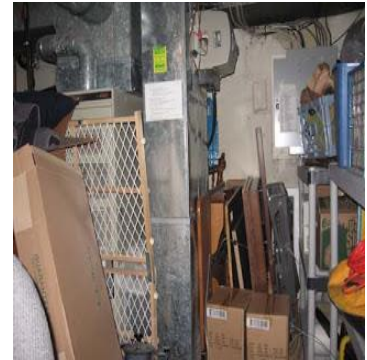
Hood Vent Suppression Systems- Bi-Annual Inspections by a Licensed Extinguisher Company



5) Electrical & Mechanical rooms used as storage rooms

* Maintain 36" clearance from electrical panel

* Maintain 48" from gas or electrical furnaces



Arkansas Fire Prevention Code §605.3 Working space and clearance; A working space of not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in width, 36 inches (914 mm) in depth and 78 inches (1981 mm) in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where the electrical service equipment is wider than 30 inches (762 mm), the working space shall not be less than the width of the equipment. No storage of any materials shall be located within the designated working space.

6) Storage of combustible materials

Arkansas Fire Prevention Code § 315.2.1 Ceiling clearance; Storage shall be maintained 2 feet (610 mm) or more below the ceiling in non-sprinklered areas of buildings or a minimum of 18 inches (457 mm) below sprinkler head deflectors in sprinklered areas of buildings.

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