

INSPECTIONS - WHAT TO EXPECT

A uniformed Barre City Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector or Firefighter will:

- Visit your facility during normal business hours.
- Always be courteous and considerate of your time.
- Comply with the best time to conduct the required inspection.
- Always provide inspection results in writing which will include a re-inspection date assigned, if required.

Information will be available to enable you to self-inspect your premise in order to be ready for the official inspection.

A time extension may be granted by the Fire Marshal upon written request providing a reasonable explanation.

UNDERSTANDING THE RESULTS

The Inspector is there to help you and will be glad to explain the results and answer any questions you may have.

At any time, before or after the inspection you may contact the Barre City Fire Department Fire Marshal's office at (802)477-7833.

The City of Barre Fire Department is confident that through education and awareness your place of business can be a fire safe facility.

BE PREPARED

Post your building's evacuation plan

Know at least two ways out of your work area I building

Conduct regular fire drills

Know where the fire extinguishers are located and how to use them.

In case of fire, always use the stairs to exit; DO NOT use the elevator

Avoid blocking exits

Keep hallways, stairways, and exits clear of trash, cleaning supplies, and other storage items

Report locked or blocked exit doors to the building owner and the Fire Department immediately.

To schedule a CPR or First Aid Classes call the Barre City Fire Department at (802) 476-0254.

**In Case Of Emergency
Call 9-1-1**

City Of Barre Fire Department
Non-Emergency Phone Number
(802) 476-0254 - Ext 2

City of Barre, VT



Fire Department

FIRE INSPECTIONS

Are you up to code?

A guide to Fire Inspections

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FIRE INSPECTIONS

Why?

It is the law. State and local fire code require that every business receive a fire inspection regularly. These inspections will greatly reduce the occurrence of injury and fire to your business.

What can you do?

The best way to prepare for your upcoming inspection is to follow the preventative measures outlined in this brochure.

How We Can Help?

You can contact the Barre City Fire Marshal's office to set up a general inspection or get your questions answered by calling (802) 477-7833.

We also offer assistance in evacuation preparedness and classes of fire safety in the workplace.



Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Riser Rooms should be labeled

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING:

- Remove trash daily to a covered and locked dumpster that is a minimum 5' away from any building
- Keep hallways, corridors and aisles clear of storage and clutter.
- Keep EXIT doors clear and free of clutter.
- Ensure EXIT signs are illuminated. Check EXIT signs and egress lighting monthly.
- Remember to unplug small appliances when not in use (i.e., coffee pots).
- Do not use electrical extension cords for permanent operations. For heavy-duty equipment please consult an electrician. A store bought UL approved circuit breaker strip plug may be used for minor electrical equipment.
- Keep all storage 24" from the ceilings (18" below fire sprinkler equipped areas).
- Do Not Store combustibles within 36" of a heat producing appliance (i.e., Furnace, Water heater).
- Keep outside brush and weeds away from the building
- Store flammable and combustible liquids in approved storage containers and cabinets.
- Dispense flammable and combustible liquids in a properly ventilated area using safety cans or original containers. Always follow proper bonding and grounding procedures.
- Keep fire sprinkler control valves, fire hydrants, and fire department connections accessible. Maintain a 36" clearance to these connections
- Do not store items in the Sprinkler room, Fire Alarm Room, or Electrical Room.
- Ensure all electrical panels are clearly marked.
- Maintain a minimum of 36" clearance around all electrical panels.
- Assign someone to check these things each day and create a maintenance log.



Address numbers should be clearly marked on both front and rear doors

FIRE ALARMS and FIRE PROTECTION

SYSTEMS:

The Following items offer the best early warning and quickest response to a fire:

- A fully functional fire sprinkler system connected to a central station monitoring (tested annually by a licensed firm).
- A fire detection system connected to a central station monitoring (tested annually by a licensed firm).
- Portable fire extinguishers that are wall mounted near exits, highly visible, unobstructed, and located no more than 75' from anywhere in the building (Serviced annually by a licensed firm).
- A hood and duct fire system over commercial cooking appliances (tested annually by a licensed firm).



Fire Department Connection clearly marked

ON THE OUTSIDE:

- Clearly marked and visible fire lanes.
- Knox box located for easy fire department access
- Clearly labeled Alarm, Riser, and Utility Rooms.
- Clear and visible street and suite numbers.
- Fire Department Connection clearly labeled.



Unobstructed Fire Hydrant and clearly marked Fire Lane