



# Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District

## Life Safety Branch

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### *Most Commonly Cited Fire & Life Safety Findings*

*Ever wonder what are some of the most commonly cited violations are?* The following is a list of the Top 10 Most Commonly Cited Fire & Life Safety Findings found by the Fort Myers Beach Fire District Life Safety Inspectors. Our goal is to provide this information proactively to aid our community in preparing for their next fire inspection.

#### National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1: Fire Code

Fire Code	What to do?
<b>12.4.6.6.3.7.1</b> Fire doors, fire shutters, and fire window assemblies shall be inspected and tested to check for proper operation and full closure.	Contract with a company licensed to conduct required testing to comply with cited fire code. Provide copy of report to inspector.
<b>11.6.2</b> Waste chutes, laundry chutes, and incinerators shall be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 82. Doors do not fully close and/or latch.	Adjust closures on referenced doors and/or replace.
<b>11.1.2.1</b> All new electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances and equipment shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70.	Hire a licensed electrician to review areas cited by inspector.
<b>13.1.2</b> The property owner shall be responsible for the proper testing and maintenance of the equipment and systems.	Contact a Florida Licensed Contractor to have cited systems inspected. (EX: Fire Sprinkler System, Fire Backflow, Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguishers, Fire Pump, Fire Standpipes)
<b>11.1.5.6</b> Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring.	Remove all extension cords and replace with a power strip (only one) or hire an electrician to complete any electrical work.
<b>11.1.8</b> Electrical panels, junction boxes, switches, receptacles, and conduit bodies shall be provided with covers.	Replace all missing covers and cover all open spaces in electrical panel(s).

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<p><b>18.2.2.1</b> The AHJ shall have the authority to require an access box(es) to be installed in an accessible location where access to or within a structure or area is difficult because of security.</p>	<p>Access Boxes (or Knox Boxes), where required, shall be equipped with current keys or access cards for access to the structure.</p>
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### National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101: Life Safety Code

Fire Code	What to do?
<p><b>7.9.2.1.1</b> Emergency Lighting not providing required minimum lighting along the path of egress at floor level</p>	<p>Depending on the age of the fixture, either replace the bulbs or batteries or replace the entire fixture. This should be done by a licensed electrician.</p>
<p><b>7.10.9.2</b> Exit Lights not operable when testing battery backup.</p>	<p>When testing fails using the test switch on the exit lighting this can be related to the batteries or a damaged test switch.</p>
<p><b>7.10.5.1</b> Exit Light bulbs not operable.</p>	<p>Replace light bulbs in exit sign. Depending on the type of sign there can be up to four (4) bulbs, two (2) run all the time and two (2) off battery backup.</p>

NFPA 1 and 101 are cited from the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as amended by the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office. The Life Safety staff is here to assist you with the inspection process and answer any questions before or after a fire inspection. If you should need assistance please contact the Life Safety Office at 239-590-4210, or by email at [prevention@FMBFirefl.gov](mailto:prevention@FMBFirefl.gov)

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