



FORT MYERS BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Top 10 Fire & Life Safety Code Findings

Ever wonder what complications we find most when conducting inspections? The following is a list of the Top 10 Fire & Life Safety Code violations found by the Fort Myers Beach Fire Department Life Safety Division. 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

Code	What to do?
12.4.6.6.3.7.1 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 the cited fire code. Provide a copy of the report to your fire inspector.
11.6.2 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 the closures on the referenced doors and/or replace as required.
11.1.2.1 All new electrical wiring, fixtures, appliances and equipment shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70.	Hire a licensed electrician to review any areas under question, as well as address any areas cited by your fire inspector.
13.1.2 The property owner shall be responsible for the proper testing and maintenance of the equipment and systems.	Contact a Florida Licensed Contractor to have the cited systems inspected. (Example: Fire Sprinkler System, Fire Backflow, Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguishers, Fire Pumps, Fire Standpipes)
11.1.5.6 Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring.	Remove all extension cords and replace them with a single power strip, or hire an electrician to provide a permanent electrical solution.
11.1.8 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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18.2.2.1 The Authority Having Jurisdiction 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.

Access Boxes (or “Knox Boxes”), are secure receptacles affixed to the outside of the structure with keys and access information for the Fire Department to use in an emergency. Where required, approved boxes shall be equipped with the current keys or access cards, in the proper quantity, for access to all components of the structure.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101: Life Safety Code

Code	What to do?
7.9.2.1.1 Emergency Lighting not providing required minimum lighting along the path of egress at floor level	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.
7.10.9.2 Exit Lights not operable when testing battery backup.	When testing fails using the test switch on the exit lighting, this can be related to the batteries or a damaged test switch. Replace batteries or fixtures to ensure operability.
7.10.5.1 Exit Light bulbs not operable.	Replace light bulbs in exit signs when not functioning. Depending on the type of sign, there can be up to four (4) bulbs. Two (2) of the bulbs run all the time and two (2) run off of the battery backup.

NFPA 1 and 101 are cited from the Florida Fire Prevention Code, as amended by the Florida State Fire Marshal’s Office.

The Fort Myers Beach Fire Department is here to assist you with the inspection process and answer any questions before or after a fire inspection is completed. Please contact our Life Safety Division Offices at (239) 590-4210, or by email at Prevention@FMBFire.org and let us know how we can help you.

This information is provided for informational purposes only and is not a complete list of items inspected during a fire inspection. Additional items can be found in the fire code sections of the application.

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