

Notice of Fire Inspection for Apartments

Fires in residential settings are one of the biggest fire threats to the citizens of our city. We spend a significant portion of our lives in our homes and home is where we typically feel most safe. However, home is also where we cook and sleep; and, those times are when our odds of being threatened by a fire are unfortunately increased.

This flyer identifies some of the common deficiencies found during fire inspections of apartment communities. Please review this checklist and correct any potential deficiencies prior to your inspection; this will help you pass your inspection and make your community safer year-round.

There may be other items that will be checked based on the code requirements for your property. If you have questions about your upcoming inspection, please don't hesitate to call the Memphis Fire Prevention Bureau. We are here to serve.

Fire Prevention Bureau
2668 Avery Avenue
Memphis, TN 38112
901-636-5401

Inspector _____

Phone #: _____

Inspection date: _____



Common Code Violations in Apartment Communities

- Each building's **street address** must be clearly marked and visible (in contrasting color) from the street fronting the property.
- Fire hydrants** located on your property must be visible and accessible at all times, with three feet of clearance on all sides and no parking within 10 feet. Private fire hydrants located on the property shall be serviced annually by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor with records of such maintained on site (private fire hydrants should be red and MLGW hydrants should be silver).
- All required **fire lanes** should be properly identified and maintained.
- Walkways, stairways, and paths** leading to exits must be clear of storage and obstructions.
- Every dwelling unit shall have its sleeping areas protected by working **smoke detectors**. A representative portion of your residential units will be checked. If they are found to be in violation, the entire property may be verified. Also, be sure that smoke detector batteries are checked regularly.
- Electrical outlets, junction boxes, and circuit breaker panels** must be covered, and outlets and junction boxes must have the appropriate cover plate.
- Grills** may not be used on combustible balconies and should be used at least 10' from buildings and away from combustibles. A means to extinguish a fire should be kept nearby if needed.
- Fire extinguishers** must be visible, readily accessible, and serviced every 12 months by a licensed fire extinguisher contractor.
- Fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems**, etc. shall be properly maintained by appropriate qualified individuals with records of all maintenance maintained on site.
- Encourage residents to visit the **Fire Museum of Memphis** for additional fire safety information. Their website may be found at www.firemuseum.com. You may also contact our Fire Safety Educators at (901) 636-5650 to schedule an on-site presentation.

