



## **Inspections – Commercial, Industrial and High Occupancy**

Kitimat Fire and Ambulance Service inspects over 300 commercial, industrial and high occupancy properties.

### **Commercial Fire Inspections**

Commercial fire inspections are critical to ensuring the safety of occupants in commercial properties. Fires can cause significant damage to property, result in injuries or fatalities, and cause financial losses. In addition, fires can disrupt business operations and lead to business closures, impacting the economy and community.

Fire inspections help identify potential fire hazards, such as faulty wiring, improper storage of flammable materials, and inadequate fire protection systems. These hazards can be addressed before a fire occurs, preventing potential damage and injuries. Fire inspections can also identify non-compliance with fire safety regulations and ensure that corrective measures are taken.

### **Process of Conducting a Commercial Fire Inspection**

Commercial fire inspections are typically conducted by trained fire inspectors who assess the property for potential fire hazards and compliance with fire safety regulations. The inspection process may include the following steps:

1. Inspection of the building's exterior: This involves assessing the building's construction materials, fire exits, and fire suppression systems.
2. Inspection of the building's interior: This includes assessing the fire alarms, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, and other fire protection systems.
3. Identification of potential fire hazards: The inspector looks for potential fire hazards such as overloaded electrical circuits, improperly stored flammable materials, and other potential ignition sources.
4. Review of records: The inspector reviews records of fire drills, maintenance of fire protection systems, and other relevant records.
5. Recommendations and follow-up: The inspector makes recommendations for addressing any identified hazards and follows up to ensure that corrective measures are taken.

## TIPS FOR LIFE SAFETY

- make sure exits are not blocked
- make sure there is clearance around any electrical boxes/breaker panels
- make sure fire extinguishers are tested/serviced annually
- make sure fire alarms/smoke detectors are working.  
Test them monthly!
- make sure emergency lighting and exit signs are in proper working order
- make sure the space is clean/tidy
- make sure the fire department has up to date emergency contacts for your building/business

