7 WAYS

To Protect Your Business From Fire

Fire protection isn't the kind of thing business owners want to spend a lot of time thinking about.

But without a clear plan for how you'll respond in the event of an emergency, things can get really bad, really quickly.

You're much safer if you spend a little time up front thinking about what you can do to reduce your risk of a fire than trying to react perfectly if an emergency does occur.

So in this guide, we've put together 7 things you can start doing today in order to keep your employees, your property, and your business as safe as possible.

Read each quick description, then use the checklist on the last page to give your business a quick run-through. You'll be glad you did. And don't forget that you've always got a trusted partner in fire safety with First-Line Fire Extinguisher.

When you need to bring your business up to code for an upcoming fire marshal inspection or just make sure you're as safe as you can be, our world-class technicians will drop by for a no-obligation fire safety audit, so you know exactly what you need to do to stay safe and in compliance.

Sincerely,

First-Line Fire Extinguisher Company

01 - INSPECT AND MAINTAIN YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Keep fire extinguishers inspected and maintained according to the local fire code and train employees on how to properly use them.

Many people have never operated a fire extinguisher. Basic training can save lives during a fire emergency.

02 - INSTALL A SPRINKLER OR FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

All businesses should have a fire alarm system, but you should also consider installing a sprinkler or fire suppression system.

Some local jurisdictions also require these systems in commercial buildings.

If you're operating a restaurant, for example, you should have a UL 300-compliant wet chemical fire suppression system, and follow the NFPA 96 standard for ventilation and fire protection.

03 - REGULARLY CLEAN AND INSPECT EQUIPMENT

Faulty equipment is a common cause of electrical fires.

Make sure your machines and equipment are in proper working order, and switch them off when they're not in use.

Clean tools and equipment regularly to ensure they're functioning properly and safe to use.

04 - REDUCE CLUTTER

Keep your workspace as clutter-free as possible. Boxes, piles of paper, and other combustible materials can provide fuel for a fire.

In addition, be sure to keep electrical appliances (e.g., microwaves, toasters, coffeemakers) away from paper or other fuel sources, and give computers and other equipment plenty of space so that air can circulate around them and they'll stay cool.

05 - HAVE AN EXIT STRATEGY

Create an emergency exit plan, and practice fire drills with your employees.

Make sure emergency exit doors have proper signage and are well-lit. Employees should always have ready access to at least two exits. Regularly check stairwells to ensure that nothing is blocking them.

06 - MAINTAIN YOUR OUTDOOR SPACES

Some businesses are at high risk of fire damage not because of what they do, but where they're located.

If your business is located in a dry or forested area, take steps to protect it. In areas prone to wildfires, keep trees and brush from growing next to your building, and remove dry grass that's within 100 feet of any structure.

07 - WORK WITH A TRUSTED FIRE PROTECTION COMPANY

The very best way to ensure fire protection is to team up with a company in your area that specializes in fire protection. That's where First-Line Fire Extinguisher comes in.

We've been helping to prevent commercial fires throughout the Central US for nearly 30 years. We can inspect your building, pinpoint any compliance issues, recommend improvements, and perform the changes you need to bring your building up to code or ensure code compliance from day one if you're constructing a new building.

Choose First-Line as your full-service, one-stop shop for every fire protection service you need. We offer it all, from fire extinguisher recharge services to fire alarm testing and suppression system inspections.

Call today at (270) 554-3473 or email sales@firstlinefire.com to begin service.

FIRE PROTECTION CHECKLIST

☐ Fire extinguishers have been inspected and properly maintained.

☐ A working fire suppression system has been installed.

☐ All equipment has been properly cleaned and maintained on schedule.

☐ All clutter has been removed from work areas so that they are free of hazards.

☐ My team has been professionally trained on proper fire evacuation procedures.

☐ All dry vegetation has been cleared away from the building to a distance of 100 feet.

☐ I have a trusted fire protection company I rely on to provide inspections, training, and tools.

If you are missing checks in any of these boxes, it's time for us to talk. Reach out to us and schedule a meeting today.