

Commonly Observed Fire Safety Violations

Each department should use the checklist below to determine how ready they are for a State Fire Marshall inspection. *Explanations are in italics.* Please contact EH&S at ext. 7011 for assistance in correcting any problems you identify in your areas.

Identified Problem	In Compliance	
	Yes	No
Corridor fire doors are found propped in the open position throughout every structure that has been inspected. <i>If the door opens onto a main corridor it must be kept closed unless it is (a) an individual faculty office or (b) has a magnetic holder that will close the door automatically should a fire detection system (alarm) be triggered. If individual office, door must be closed when no one is present.</i>		
NO use of extension cords as permanent wiring in all occupancies. Interconnecting or daisy-chaining power strips in computer labs, offices, and residential housing.		
NO excessive combustible material in general offices.		
NO storage in mechanical equipment rooms and in stairwells.		
No improper storage of flammable liquids, usually in laboratories, maintenance areas, and art studios. <i>All flammables should be stored in flammable cabinets.</i>		
Hood sashes designed to prevent chemical fumes and vapors from contaminating laboratories were found in the open position in laboratories throughout both state and private university campuses.		
Refrigerators used to store flammable liquids that are not explosion proof.		
Exit corridors and exit passageways shall not be obstructed by furniture, office machines, etc. in all types of occupancies. <i>Hallways must have a minimum of 44" of clear walking space. This space cannot weave in and out, but must be a straight line (furniture, plants, or other items must be on one side down the hallway) down the corridor with no protruding obstacles.</i>		