Common Fire Code Violations

These are the most common violations found during inspections:

Extension Cords

- Using extension cords as permanently wiring
- Running extension cords through walls, ceilings, or floors
- Daisy Chaining: plugging power strips into other power strips or extension cords

Emergency Exits

- Obstructing exits paths like doors, stairways, and hallways with large objects
- Propping open self closing doors. Self closing doors are designed to prevent the spread of fire!
- Obstructing a doorway in a way that prevents them from closing completely in the event of a fire

Storage

- Keep 3' clearance in front of fire extinguishers, pull stations, electrical panels, and AEDs
- Keep 18" clearance from ceiling with fire sprinklers. Keep 24" clearance from ceiling without fire sprinklers
- Do not store flammable items in mechanical/electrical rooms.
- Having excessive amounts of paper, boxes, and other flammable items in an office

Portable Heaters

- Not plugging a heater directly into an electrical outlet and instead an extension cord
- Lacking an automatic shutoff function if tipped over
- Storing combustible materials within 3' of the heater

General Fire Hazards

- Using appliances like toasters, ovens, coffee makers, and microwaves outside of the kitchen or break areas
- The use of any unapproved open flame devices like candles or torches
- The use of flammable scent-producing devices like Glade Plug-Ins

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