

Office of the Fire Marshal  
Kern County Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Unit

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## Apartment Check List

Dear Property Owner or Manager,

State law requires a yearly fire and life safety inspection of each apartment building/complex. Officers from the Fire Marshal's Office conducted an inspection at your property on \_\_\_\_\_. Kern County Board of Supervisors adopted the resolution on October 22, 2019 for all R2 occupancies (apartments). The fee for annual inspection is \$145.00. In order to ensure your property is in compliance, an inspector will be verifying compliance of the items below:

### Visible Address Sign

- Minimum 4" height with a ½ stroke of contrasting color visible from street

### Fire Department Access

- Fire lanes properly marked & unobstructed
- Check Knox Box & if Knox Box is needed

### Smoke Alarms

- Minimum one smoke alarm in each sleeping area/bedrooms, in hallways or area outside of sleeping areas/bedrooms & on each story (including basements)
- CO2 Devices – one outside of each sleeping area/bedrooms (a CO/smoke combo can be used)
- Functioning properly with a 10-year replacement program
- Hardwired with battery backup or tamper-resistant 10-year battery

### Fire Extinguishers

- 2A10BC provided every 75 ft. of travel distance mounted, visible and in an accessible cabinet  
Serviced annually by a licensed company  
Exception: 1A10BC rated fire extinguisher available in every unit

### Electrical

- Electrical outlets, switches, junction boxes are covered with proper cover plates
- Minimum 36" clearance in front of electrical panels
- No extension cords used as permanent wiring

### Housekeeping/Proper Storage of Combustible Materials or Waste

- No combustibles stored in equipment rooms
- No combustibles stored in exit corridors
- Hallways clear of obstructions
- Under stairs – no storage of combustible materials
- Compressed gas cylinders chained to a fixed structure or in carts to prevent falling
- Ceiling tiles fixed in place (no holes or openings in ceiling or wall)
- Laundry rooms – check for accumulation of combustible materials, such as lint