



Dry Cleaning Facility Inspection Checklist

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Purpose: Fire Inspection Checklists are provided so that the general public has an idea of what may be required during an inspection.

Please note that this list only covers the most frequently observed violations or conditions, and is not all inclusive. All occupancies are subject to the report of violations issued by the fire inspector conducting the inspection.

Scope: This checklist is for both new and existing dry cleaning operations.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Heating (*CFC 2104.2.2*). In Type II dry cleaning plants, heating shall be by indirect means using steam, hot water or hot oil only.
- Bonding and grounding (*CFC 2104.2.4*). Storage tanks, treatment tanks, filters, pumps, piping, ducts, drycleaning units, stills, tumblers, drying cabinets and other such equipment, where not inherently electrically conductive, shall be bonded together and grounded. Isolated equipment shall be grounded.

SPOTTING AND PRETREATING

- Spotting tables (*CFC 2106.3.1*). Scouring, brushing or spotting tables on which articles are soaked in solvent shall have a liquid-tight top with a curb on all sides not less than 1 inch (25 mm) high. The top of the table shall be pitched to ensure thorough draining to a 1.5-inch (38 mm) drain connected to an approved container.
- Ventilation (*CFC 2106.3.3*). Scrubbing tubs, scouring, brushing or spotting operations shall be located such that solvent vapors are captured and exhausted by the ventilating system.
- Bonding and grounding (*CFC 2106.3.4*). Metal scouring, brushing and spotting tables and scrubbing tubs shall be permanently and effectively bonded and grounded.

DRY CLEANING SYSTEMS

- Type II systems (*CFC 2107.2*). Type II dry cleaning and solvent tank storage rooms shall not be located below grade or above the lowest floor level of the building.
- Fire-fighting access (*CFC 2107.2.1*). Type II dry cleaning plants shall be located so that access is provided and maintained from one side for fire-fighting and fire control purposes in accordance with Section 503.
- Number of means of egress (*CFC 2107.2.2*). Type II dry cleaning rooms shall have not less than two means of egress doors located at opposite ends of the room, at least one of which shall lead directly to the outside.
- Spill control and secondary containment (*CFC 2107.2.3*). Curbs, drains, or other provisions for spill control and secondary containment shall be provided in accordance with Section 5004.2 to collect solvent leakage and fire protection water and direct it to a safe location.



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FIRE PROTECTION

- Automatic sprinkler system (*CFC 2108.2*).
- Automatic fire-extinguishing systems (*CFC 2108.3*). Type II dry cleaning units, washer-extractors, and drying tumblers in Type II dry cleaning plants shall be provided with an approved automatic fire extinguishing system installed and maintained in accordance with Chapter 9.

Exception: Where approved, a manual steam jet not less than 0.75 inch (19 mm) with a continuously available steam supply at a pressure not less than 15 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) (103 kPa) is allowed to be substituted for the automatic fire-extinguishing system.
- Portable fire extinguishers (*CFC 2108.4*). A minimum of two 2-A:10-B:C portable fire extinguishers shall be provided near the doors inside dry cleaning rooms containing Type II, Type III-A and Type III-B dry cleaning systems.