

Fire Safety

Spotlight: Common Fire Inspection Infractions

Fire inspections help ensure that proper precautions are in place to prevent a fire. However, there are times when those precautions are violated. Below are some common fire inspection infractions.

Big Items for SJSU

- There is furniture made from non-rated materials in student club rooms and faculty offices.
- Corridors are blocked by furniture, tables, and chairs.
- Corridors are blocked by student lockers.

Occupational Load Violations

- Occupancy loads are not posted.
- Count of the chairs in the room more than the occupancy limit.

Fire Hazards

- There is an accumulation of combustibles and poor housekeeping.
- Storage is blocking sprinklers and ceilings.
- There should be 24" of space from ceiling/non sprinklered & 18" of space from sprinklers.

Means of Egress

- Exit signs are not posted.
- Corridors and exit paths are blocked by furniture and cabinets.
- The protrusions from the wall should be no greater than 6".
- There are wall coverings with combustible materials greater than 10% of the wall.
- There are door stops along the exit paths.

Electrical Hazards

- Using extension cords as permanent wiring.
- Using power cords that are daisy-chained together.
- Using electrical outlets dedicated to appliances (refrigerators, equipment) and not extension cords or power strips.
- Using electrical space heaters without tipping the switch.
- Electrical panels being blocked.

Spotlight: Electrical Fires

Electrical fires pose a significant risk to homes, workplaces, and communities. Understanding the causes of electrical fires and implementing safety measures can help prevent these potentially devastating incidents. Please review this guidance to ensure our offices are safe and free of electrical fire hazards!



Tips to Remember

- Replace damaged or frayed cords immediately.
- Do not run electrical cords through doorways or under carpets.
- Do not overload wall outlets.
- Insert plugs fully into sockets.
- If electrical switches or outlets feel warm, contact facilities ASAP!
- More info can be found on our [website](#).

How to Avoid Exceeding the Capacity of an Electrical Outlet

- Never overload the capacity of the power strip or surge protector.
- Never plug a surge protector or power strip into another surge protector or power strip.
- Power strips and surge protectors must be plugged directly into the wall receptacle.
- Do not plug space heaters or other high amp drawing appliances into a power strip or surge protector. These need to be plugged directly into the wall receptacle.
- Do not plug power strips or surge protectors into an extension cord.
- Extension cords can be used for temporary power only.