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School and Childcare Facility - Focused Fire Code Highlights

Highlights of concerns and common fire code violations found in schools or childcare facilities are listed within this document. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Storage and Decorations

Storage must be 24 inches below the ceiling.

The path of egress travel along a means of egress shall not be interrupted by a building element other than a means of egress component. Obstructions shall not be placed in the minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress component except projections permitted by this rule. The minimum width or required capacity of a means of egress system shall not be diminished along the path of egress travel.

Protruding objects shall not reduce the minimum clear width of accessible routes.

Combustible materials shall not be stored in exits

Exits cannot be blocked by anything, including but not limited to tables, chairs, desks, storage or other obstructions.

Artwork in corridors. Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on the walls of corridors to not more than 20 per cent of the wall area.

Artwork in classrooms. Artwork and teaching materials shall be limited on walls of classrooms to not more than 50 per cent of the specific wall area to which they are attached.

Extension cords are not permitted. Only approved circuit breaker-protected outlet strips are allowed. They cannot be plugged into another outlet strip; they must be plugged directly into an outlet.

Space heaters, where permissible, must be plugged directly into an outlet; they cannot be plugged into an outlet strip.

Decorative materials other than decorative vegetation in new and existing buildings

807.1 General. Combustible decorative materials, other than decorative vegetation, shall comply with paragraphs (G)(2)(807.2) to (G)(5)(f)(807.5.6) of this rule.

807.2 Limitations. The following requirements shall apply to all occupancies:

- (a) Furnishings or decorative materials of an explosive or highly flammable character shall not be used.

- (b) Fire-retardant coatings in existing buildings shall be maintained so as to retain the effectiveness of the treatment under service conditions encountered in actual use.
- (c) Furnishings or other objects shall not be placed to obstruct exits, access thereto, egress therefrom or visibility thereof.
- (d) The permissible amount of noncombustible decorative materials shall not be limited.

807.3 Combustible decorative materials. In other than Group I-3, curtains, draperies, fabric hangings and other similar combustible decorative materials suspended from walls or ceilings shall comply with paragraph (G)(4)(807.4) of this rule and shall not exceed 10 per cent of the specific wall or ceiling area to which they are attached.

Storage beneath overhead projections from buildings.

Where buildings are protected by automatic sprinklers, the outdoor storage, display and handling of combustible materials under eaves, canopies or other projections or overhangs are prohibited except where automatic sprinklers are installed under such eaves, canopies or other projections or overhangs.

Emergency evacuation drills must be compliant with the Ohio Fire Code

Drill notification should be made to the appropriate contacts, including local fire department and State Fire Marshal

Record keeping. Records shall be maintained of required emergency evacuation drills and include the following information:

- (a) Identity of the person conducting the drill.
- (b) Date and time of the drill.
- (c) Notification method used.
- (d) Employees on duty and participating.
- (e) Number of occupants evacuated.
- (f) Special conditions simulated.
- (g) Problems encountered.
- (h) Weather conditions when occupants were evacuated.
- (i) Time required to accomplish complete evacuation.