

Checklist Office Inspection

Inspector(s):

Date:

To help ensure your office operates properly, routine office inspections should be conducted regularly.

Work Environment	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are all work areas clean, sanitary and orderly?			
Is there adequate lighting?			
Do noise levels appear high?			
Is ventilation adequate?			
Are machines around workspaces properly guarded?			
Is there easy access to telephones in case of an emergency?			
Is the thermostat set to a comfortable temperature?			
Is the office humidity too high or low?			

Walking/Working Surfaces	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Is there loose material, debris or worn carpeting?			
Are aisles free of stored material that may present trip hazards?			
Are tile floors in places like kitchens and lavatories free of water and slippery substances?			
Are carpet and rugs free of tears or trip hazards?			
Are pits and floor openings covered or otherwise guarded?			
Are step ladders provided for reaching overhead storage areas and are materials stored safely?			
Are file drawers kept closed when not in use?			
Are passenger and freight lifts inspected annually and are the inspection certificates available for review on-site?			
Is any furniture unsafe or defective?			
Are objects covering heating and/or air conditioning vents?			

Ergonomics	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are employees advised of proper lifting techniques?			
Are workstations configured to prevent common ergonomic problems?			
Are chairs stable?			
Is chair height adjustable?			
Are chair arm rests and back supports adjustable?			
Are employees encouraged to take breaks and stretch after sitting for long periods?			
Are computer monitors adjustable to a proper height?			
Are mechanical aids and equipment such as lifting devices and dollies provided where needed?			
Are employees surveyed annually on their ergonomic concerns?			

Emergency Information Postings	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are established emergency phone numbers posted where they can be readily found in case of an emergency?			
Are employees trained on emergency procedures?			
Are fire evacuation procedures/diagrams posted?			
Is emergency information posted in every area where you store hazardous materials?			
Is established facility emergency information posted near a telephone?			
Is the HSE Workplace Health and Safety poster and other required postings displayed conspicuously?			
Are adequate first aid supplies available and properly maintained?			
Are an adequate number of first aid trained personnel available to respond to injuries and illnesses until medical assistance arrives?			
Is a copy of the facility fire prevention and emergency action plan available on site?			
Are safety hazard warning signs/caution signs provided to warn employees of pertinent hazards?			
Are Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for hazardous materials readily available?			

Fire Prevention	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are flammable liquids, such as petrol, kept in approved safety cans and stored in non-flammable cabinets?			
Are portable fire extinguishers distributed properly?			
Are employees trained on the use of portable fire extinguishers?			
Are portable fire extinguishers visually inspected monthly and serviced annually?			
Is the area around portable fire extinguishers free of obstructions and properly labelled?			

Is heat-producing equipment used in a well-ventilated area?		
Are fire alarm pull stations clearly marked and unobstructed?		
Is proper clearance maintained below sprinkler heads?		
Are fire and smoke detection systems inspected and serviced regularly?		

Emergency Exits	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are doors, passageways or stairways that are neither exits nor access to exits and which could be mistaken for exits, appropriately marked 'NOT AN EXIT'?			
Are a sufficient number of exits provided?			
Are exits kept free of obstructions or locking devices which could impede immediate escape?			
Are exits properly marked and illuminated?			
Are the directions to exits, when not immediately apparent, marked with visible signs?			
Can emergency exit doors be opened from the direction of exit travel without the use of a key or any special knowledge or effort when the building is occupied?			
Are exits arranged such that it is not possible to travel towards a fire hazard when exiting the facility?			
Is there a clear policy for evacuating the building during a fire?			
Are all employees trained on how to evacuate the building quickly in an emergency?			

Electrical Systems	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are all cable connections intact and secure?			
Are electrical sockets free of overloads?			
Is fixed wiring used instead of flexible extension cables?			
Are high-voltage electrical service rooms kept locked?			
Is the area around electrical panels and breakers free of obstructions?			
Are electrical cables routed such that they are free of sharp objects and clearly visible?			
Are all electrical cables earthed?			
Are electrical cables in good condition, such as free of splices and frays?			
Are space heaters located away from combustibles and properly ventilated?			
Are all electrical raceways and enclosures in electrical rooms securely fastened?			
Are clamps or other securing devices provided on flexible cables, and is the cable jacket securely held in place?			
Is all electrical equipment inspected regularly?			
Is there a maximum of one power strip used per socket?			

Material Storage	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Are storage racks and shelves capable of supporting the intended load safely?			
Are storage racks secured from falling?			
Is office equipment stored in a stable manner, not capable of falling?			
Are heavier objects stored as low to the ground as possible?			
Are lifting devices readily available to reach items placed up high?			
Is there sufficient storage space at each workstation?			
Is all storage kept out of walkways?			

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