

Thurston County Development Services Commercial Fire Inspections



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The Thurston County Fire Marshal Office (TCFMO) has an inspection to reduce the chances of fire or injury by eliminating the hazards that are known to cause fires. This inspection program has been refined over the years in an effort to best serve the community.

The commercial inspection program is comprised of visits to the businesses of our community by a certified fire inspector, who surveys the sites for any building deficiencies or other hazards to life or property that may exist. The basis used for any corrective actions necessary is the Thurston County Fire Code chapter 14.32

The code chapter also contains information regarding fire permits that may be needed, depending on the situation. The frequency that a business is inspected varies depending on the its hazard classification. Schools, assembly areas, hospitals and nursing homes are examples of occupancies and are inspected frequently. Other occupancies may be inspected less often.

The primary purpose of our inspection program is to identify hazards to life and property. At the same time, by educating the business community as to the causes of fire or other problems may be reduced or eliminated. The effectiveness of the program as a whole is dependent on the ability of the inspectors to introduce building owners, business owners and occupants to the need for corrections when necessary and the reasons for them.