

Common Code Violations

1. Violation: HYDRANT OBSTRUCTED
A 3-foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire Hydrants except as otherwise required or approved.

2. Violation: FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION OBSTRUCTED
On existing buildings, wherever the fire department connection is not visible to approaching fire apparatus, the fire department connection shall be indicated by an approved sign mounted on the street front or on the side of the building. Such sign shall have the letters "FDC" at least 6 inches high and words in letters at least 2 inches high or an arrow to indicate the location. All such signs shall be subject to the approval of the fire code official.
Section 912.3 Immediate access to fire department connections shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls or any other object. Access to fire department connection shall be approved by the fire chief.
Section 912.3.2 Clear space around connections. A working space of not less than 36 inches in width, 36 inches in depth and 78 inches in height shall be provide and maintained in front of an to the sides of wall-mounted fire department connections and around the circumference of free-standing fire department connections, except as otherwise required or approved by the fire chief.

3. Violation: COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDER NOT SECURED
Compressed gas containers, cylinders and tanks shall be secured to prevent falling caused by contact, vibration or seismic activity.

4. Violation: STORAGE WITHIN 30 INCHES OF ELECTRICAL PANELS
A working space of not less than 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth and 78 inches in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Where the electrical service equipment is wider than 30 inches, the working space shall not be less than the width of the equipment. No storage of any materials shall be located within the designated working space.

5. Violation: EXTENSION CORDS USED AS PERMANENT WIRING
Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact. Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances.

6. Violation: KNOX BOX or KNOX SWITCH NEEDED
Where access to or within a structure or an area is restricted because of secured openings or where immediate access is necessary for life-saving or fire-fighting purposes, the fire code official is authorized to require a key box to be installed in an approved location. The key box shall be of an approved type listed in accordance with UL 1037, and shall contain keys to gain necessary access as required by the fire code official.

7. Violation: SPRINKLERS BLOCKED BY STORAGE

Unacceptable obstructions to spray patterns shall be corrected.

Section A-5.2.1.2 NFPA 13 allows stock, furnishings and equipment to be as close as 18 in. to standard spray sprinklers or as close as 36 in. to ESFR and large drop sprinklers.

8. Violation: EXTINGUISHERS OUT OF DATE

An annual external visual examination of all fire extinguishers shall be made to detect obvious physical damage, corrosion, or nozzle blockage to verify that the operating instructions are present, legible, and facing forward, and that the HMIS information is present and legible, and to determine if a 6-year interval examination or hydrostatic test is due.

Each extinguisher shall have a tag or label securely attached that indicates that maintenance was performed.

9. Violation: EXIT BLOCKED

Means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency.

10. Violation: GRILLING ON BALCONY OF WOOD CONSTRUCTION

Applicable Code: Section 308.1.4, 2012 International Fire Code

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

