



**TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL  
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## **FIRE INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Fire inspections are required for all premises except one and two family dwellings, and are scheduled based on occupancy type as defined by the North Carolina State Fire Prevention Code. The examples below typically illustrate the *minimum* frequency rate of inspections; however, it is not an all-inclusive list, and nothing in the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code is intended to prevent a jurisdiction from conducting more frequent inspections than the below schedule.

The North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, Section 106 states "In order to preserve and protect public health and safety, and to satisfy the requirements of General Statute 160A-424, political subdivisions assuming inspection duties, as set forth in General Statute 160A-411, shall have a periodic inspection schedule for the purpose of identifying activities and conditions in buildings, structures, and premises that pose dangers of fire, explosion, or related hazards."

### **1 Year Inspections (Annual)**

- 'A' - Assembly: Restaurants, Gyms, Nightclubs, Facilities with >100 Occupant Loads, etc...
- 'E' - Educational Facilities: Schools, Daycares
  - *Public schools required to be inspected every six months*
- 'H' - Hazardous: Hazardous materials, flammable liquids and explosives facilities, etc...
- 'I' - Institutional: Hospital, Nursing Homes, Licensed care facilities, etc...
- 'R' - Residential: Apartment buildings, Hotels/Motels, Fraternities/Sororities etc...
- High-Rise Buildings

### **2 Year Inspections**

- 'E' - Educational Facilities: Schools
  - Private schools
- 'F' - Factory: Manufacturing/Industrial

### **3 Year Inspections**

- 'A' - Assembly: House of Worship: Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, etc...
- 'B' - Businesses: Banks, Barber/Beauty shops, Educational occupancies above the 12th grade, Professional service offices (Architects/Engineers, Attorneys, Dentists/Physicians,) etc...
- 'M' - Mercantile: Department, Clothing, Drug, Retail/Wholesale stores, Markets, etc...
- 'S' - Storage Facilities: Warehouses, Parking Garages, Aircraft Hangers, etc...
- 'U' - Miscellaneous: Tanks, Silos, Greenhouses, etc...