

WAREHOUSE OCCUPANCIES

OWNER / OCCUPANT INSPECTION INFORMATION



The Manitoba Fire Code requires building owners or occupants to comply with the requirements on this checklist.

These requirements are not a complete list; there may be additional requirements for your occupancy.

WAREHOUSE USES INCLUDE:

- Storage of retail products
- Distribution warehouses



Winnipeg Fire Department

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Checklist: Common Fire Safety Requirements

- Address:** Must be visible from road and lane, free from foliage, trees, etc.
- Aisles:** Must provide clear access to exits.
- Chemical storage:** Chemicals must be separated by class and stored in an approved manner.
- Compressed gases:** Must be protected against mechanical damage, and not stored in any exit, corridor, under a fire escape or exit stair or within 1 m of any exit.
- Dangerous goods:** Stored in packages or containers that are compatible with the product they contain of durable construction and resist damage from normal handling activities.
- Egress:** Corridors, stairs and exits are unobstructed and in good repair.
- Electrical equipment:** Must be free of dust, with clearance from combustibles
- Emergency Lighting:** May be provided by battery packs with remote and attached heads, or by emergency generators that will illuminate specified A/C fixtures or remote light heads. Must be operational, no visible damage, with heads aimed in proper direction, and serviced and labelled annually by a certified technician.
- Exit doors:** Ensure all exits are unobstructed and doors are easily openable.
- Exit signs:** Exit signs and exit lighting are readily visible and illuminated.
- Fire Alarm System:** Checked daily for indicator lights, tested, inspected and labelled annually by a certified technician.
- Fire Doors:** Fire doors or stairway doors are **NOT** wedged or blocked open and doors close and latch properly.
- Fire Department Access:** Fire lanes are NOT obstructed by vehicles. Exterior fire department connections are readily visible and unobstructed.
- Fire hydrants:** Must be accessible, free of damage and serviced within the specified date. Private hydrants require annual servicing label with records kept on site.
- Fire Safety Plan:** Comprehensive fire safety plan including all storage of hazardous or dangerous goods must be kept on site for Fire Department review.
- Fire Separations:** must have no holes or openings that compromise their purpose.
- Flammable liquids:** Must be stored in approved containers, cannot be dispensed into metal containers unless grounded, cannot be stored next to exits. Vapours cannot be allowed to accumulate.
- Indoor & outdoor Storage:** Must comply with Part 3 of MB Fire Code.
- 'No smoking' signs:** Must be posted in hazardous areas.
- Portable Fire Extinguishers must:**
 - Be located adjacent to corridors or aisles that provide access to exits.
 - Be mounted in a visible location, accessible, and serviced and tagged at least once every 12months by a certified technician.
 - Be full and functioning (no damage, corrosion, leaks malfunctioning parts or clogged nozzles).
 - Have a minimum rating of 2A-10BC
- Sprinkler and standpipe connections:** Must be capped, free of debris and accessible.
- Sprinkler valves:** Must be in the open position, either locked and chained or sealed and monitored electronically. No storage permitted within 18 in. of bottom of sprinkler heads.