



## **Richmond Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau 10 Most Common Fire Safety Violations**

The Richmond Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau conducts many life-safety inspections every year. Common violations are predictable and preventable and help assist business owner/operators in achieving year-round safety compliance.

Listed below are the 10 Most Common Fire Safety Violations that are seen by the Richmond FD Fire Prevention Bureau.

<b>1</b>	Extension cords are only temporary. Use an UL listed multi-plug power strip.
<b>2</b>	Do not use multi-plug adapters. Use an UL listed multi-plug power strip.
<b>3</b>	Storage shall be at least 18" below fire sprinkler heads or 24" below the ceiling.
<b>4</b>	Exits shall be unlocked during business/occupancy hours and kept free of obstructions. Exits must be able to operate without turning locks or having any special knowledge.
<b>5</b>	Maintain 36" clearance around electrical panels, with no combustibles.
<b>6</b>	Maintain 36" clearance around heat producing devices, appliances, and utilities, with no combustibles.
<b>7</b>	Do not store anything in stairwells or any exit/egress path.
<b>8</b>	Exit lights shall always be illuminated and operational with a battery backup.
<b>9</b>	Maintain emergency lights, which must be two (2) head units.
<b>10</b>	Install and annually maintain, by a licensed contractor, appropriate fire extinguishers.

### **Questions?**

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