



EULESS FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

EFD-FMO 22-3

INFORMATION LINE: *SCHOOL FIRE PREVENTION*

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Fire & Building Code
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DISCLAIMER:

The information contained herein is a listing of common fire code violations that are found in schools. This list contains only those violations which teachers have control over. This list is **NOT** all-inclusive and is not meant to be. The "Codes" are a multiple volume set of books with a page count running well into the thousands of pages. If you have a question on a specific item in your school or classroom, contact your local fire marshal.

Euless Fire Marshals Office – 817-685-1600
Bedford Fire Marshals Office – 817-952-2500
Hurst Fire Marshals Office – 817-498-2700

HOUSEKEEPING:

- All portions of the facility must be kept free from accumulation of debris.
- Storage must be maintained a minimum of eighteen (18) inches below the bottom portion of any sprinkler heads throughout the room. For clarification, draw an imaginary line dissecting your room at a level of eighteen (18) inches below the sprinkler heads. No storage is permitted within this space.
- Combustible storage/materials are not permitted within thirty (30) inches of electrical breaker boxes, or in the area from the top of the breaker box to the floor within the thirty (30) inch arc as measured from the center of the panel.

ELECTRICAL ISSUES:

- All electrical equipment must be in good repair. All cover plates must be installed and cords kept in good repair. All outlets must be in good condition and free from cracks or breaks.
- Extension Cords – Extension cords must be of a proper size (generally 13 amp or larger) to carry the load. The **cords may not be used in place of permanent wiring** and therefore may only be used as a temporary power source for portable or temporary equipment. The cords can not be affixed to the walls, ceiling or floor. They may not be run through doorways or walls or otherwise placed where they are subject to physical damage. Contact your school district maintenance department for assistance with electrical issues.
- Power strips may not be daisy chained (one plugged into another) and must be plugged directly into a permanent wall outlet.
- Electrical panels must be kept clear at all times. See notes in Housekeeping Section.

FLAMMABLE/COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS:

- Flammable and combustible liquids are not permitted in school facilities except under very narrow guidelines. Contact your administrator and your

local Fire Marshal's office prior to bringing these types of products to the school.

HEAT PRODUCING EQUIPMENT & CANDLES:

- The use of candles in classrooms and similar areas where children are allowed is prohibited.
- Portable heaters may not be permitted in some jurisdictions.
- If permitted, portable heaters must be kept clear of combustible materials, must be in good operating condition with a functioning tip switch that will turn the unit off if it tips over and must be plugged directly into a wall outlet.

EXIT ISSUES:

- All exit doors must be unlocked and kept clear for immediate use.
- Storage is not permitted in a hallway.
- Wall coverings and decorations in exit hallways are heavily regulated. Nothing should be added to these areas that is combustible or that drapes across the ceiling or walkway.

FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT:

- Fire drills must be practiced routinely. Various State and local regulations mandate this.
- Fire extinguishers must be visible and remain in their assigned locations.
- Storage is prohibited within eighteen (18) inches of the bottom of sprinkler heads in a building containing fire sprinklers.
- Fire protection equipment must be kept clear and visible (unobstructed) at all times.

DECORATIONS:

- Decorations, etc. may not be suspended from or connected to the sprinkler heads or piping.
- Decorations are generally prohibited on ceiling areas.
- Candles are prohibited in the classrooms.
- Posters or decorations in hallways and classrooms can't take up more than twenty percent (20%) of the available wall space. In a sprinkled building in the City of Euless the walls of classrooms and corridors can have up to 50% of each wall area used for artwork and teaching materials, except that the materials can-not be continuous from floor to ceiling or wall to wall.
- Decorations that extend out from the wall must be of fire retardant or non combustible materials and can't be located within any path of egress. If you are unsure, contact the proper Fire Marshal's office for clarification.

GENERAL HAZARDS:

- Doors must generally be kept closed. Classroom doors may be left open as long as the classroom is occupied with the approval of the Fire Marshal. However, doors must always be closed when the room is empty.