



House of Worship Fire Safety Checklist

Use this fire safety checklist to review some essential requirements and life safety systems in churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, and other religious structures that qualify as assembly occupancies.

Each fire safety item references the code requirements from:

- [NFPA 101](#): *Life Safety Code*
- [NFPA 25](#): *Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*
- [NFPA 96](#): *Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations*
- [NFPA 72](#): *National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code®*
- [NFPA 10](#): *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*

Some fire sprinkler inspection, testing, and maintenance (ITM) requirements point to “various chapters,” as the exact rules depend on the type of system installed. Consult a qualified fire sprinkler professional to complete ITM tasks at appropriate intervals.

Note that this list is not comprehensive and should merely serve as a guide for some essential activities required in houses of worship. The full spectrum of life and fire safety measures will depend on your building, its specific systems, and your location. Contact your local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) to learn specific requirements.

FIRE SAFETY ITEM	COMPLIANT (Yes, No, N/A)	Code Reference
Operations (plans, training, drills)		
Life Safety Evaluation is completed, accurate, and approved by the AHJ (where applicable)		NFPA 101: Sections 13.1.7.3 and 13.4.1
Emergency action plan in place. Approved by AHJ		NFPA 101: Sections 13.7.13 and 4.8
Employee training and drills on emergency plans and fire extinguisher use conducted and documented		NFPA 101: Section 13.7.7



Crowd managers are available and properly trained (as needed)		NFPA 101: Section 13.7.6
Food-warming and open-flame devices are handled in a safe manner		NFPA 101: Sections 13.7.2.4 and 13.7.3
Fire Sprinkler Systems <i>Shop QRFS Fire Sprinklers, Cover Plates, Escutcheons, and Accessories</i>		
Monthly inspections conducted and documented		NFPA 25: Various chapters for monthly inspection items; Chapter 4 (documentation)
Quarterly, semi-annual, annual system ITM conducted and documentation available		NFPA 25: Various chapters for monthly inspection items; Section 4.3 (documentation)
Five-year ITM conducted and documented (where applicable)		NFPA 25: Various chapters ; system-type contingent
Fire Pumps		
Weekly pump runs conducted and documented		NFPA 25: Chapter 8
Annual pump test conducted and documented		NFPA 25: Chapter 8
Fire Alarm Systems <i>Shop QRFS Alarm Components</i>		
Quarterly, semi-annual, and annual ITM conducted and documented		NFPA 72: Chapter 14
Fire Suppression Systems		
Kitchen hood and ductwork cleaned regularly (quarterly, semi-annual, or annual), and documented		NFPA 96: Chapter 11
Kitchen suppression system semi-annual ITM conducted and documented		NFPA 96: Chapter 11
Fire Extinguishers <i>Shop QRFS Fire Extinguishers, Fire Extinguisher Cabinets, and Fire Extinguisher Accessories</i>		
Monthly inspections conducted and documented		NFPA 10: Chapter 7
Annual ITM service conducted and documented		NFPA 10: Chapter 7
Egress and Exits <i>Shop QRFS Fire Safety Signs, Egress Signs, and Exit Signs</i>		



All exits and exit passageways are inspected before opening the building to the public		NFPA 101: Section 13.7.1
All emergency and exit lights are operational		NFPA 101: Section 13.2.9
Evacuation diagrams are posted		NFPA 101: Section 13.2.10.3
Occupant load signs are posted		NFPA 101: Section 13.79.3
Smoke Control		
Regular inspection, testing, and maintenance of the smoke control system are conducted and documented		NFPA 101: Sections 13.4.6.5 and 9.3