Purpose: Fire Inspection Checklists are provided so that the general public has an idea of what may be required during an inspection.  

Please note that this list only covers the most frequently observed violations or conditions, and is not all inclusive. All occupancies are subject to the report of violations issued by the fire inspector conducting the inspection.

Scope: This checklist can be used for tenant spaces or for kiosks within the mall.

☐ Covered and open mall buildings and buildings connected shall be equipped throughout with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1, which shall comply with all of the following (CFC 914.2.1):

1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be complete and operative throughout occupied space in the mall building prior to occupancy of any of the tenant spaces. Unoccupied tenant spaces shall be similarly protected unless provided with an approved alternative protection.
2. Sprinkler protection for the mall of a covered mall building shall be independent from that provided for tenant spaces or anchor buildings.
3. Sprinkler protection for the tenant spaces of an open mall building shall be independent from that provided for anchor buildings.
4. Sprinkler protection shall be provided beneath exterior circulation balconies located adjacent to an open mall.
5. Where tenant spaces are supplied by the same system, they shall be independently controlled.

Exception: An automatic sprinkler system shall not be required in spaces or areas of open parking garages separated from the covered or open mall in accordance with Section 402.4.2.3 of the California Building Code and constructed in accordance with Section 406.5 of the California Building Code.

☐ The covered and open mall building shall be equipped throughout with a standpipe system as required by Section 905.3.3 (CFC 914.2.2). Standpipe locations shall be as follows:

1. Within the mall at the entrance to each exit passageway or corridor.
2. At each floor-level landing within interior exit stairways opening directly on the mall.
3. At exterior public entrances to the mall of a covered mall building.
4. At public entrances at the perimeter line of an open mall building.
5. At other locations as necessary so that the distance to reach all portions of a tenant space does not exceed 200 feet from a hose connection.

☐ Rooms or areas containing controls for air-conditioning systems, automatic fire-extinguishing systems, automatic sprinkler systems or other detection, suppression or control elements shall be identified for use by the fire department (CFC 914.2.4).
Conditions:

- One Class 2-A rated fire extinguisher shall be provided for each 3,000 square feet of light hazard fuel load or one Class 2-A extinguisher for each 1,500 square feet of ordinary hazard fuel load. Travel distance shall not exceed 75 feet (Title 19, Section 567/568).

- Extinguishers shall be subjected to maintenance annually (Title 19, Section 575.1).

- Fire extinguishers shall not be obstructed or obscured from view (CFC 906.6).

- Portable fire extinguishers shall be securely mounted on brackets or placed in cabinets (Title 19, Section 567.3).

- Egress doors shall be readily openable from the inside without the use of key or special knowledge or effort.

  **Exception:** For Group A occupancies with an occupant load of 300 or less, the main exterior door or doors are permitted to be equipped with key-operated locking devices from the egress side provided a sign is posted on the egress side stating, “This door to remain unlocked when the building is occupied.” (CFC 1010.1.9.3).

- Egress doors shall swing in direction of egress travel where serving an occupant load of 50 or more persons (CFC 1010.1.2.1).

- Means of egress (except aisles) shall be illuminated when the building space is occupied (CFC 1008.2).

- In the event of power supply failure, an emergency electrical system shall automatically illuminate the means of egress in areas that require two or more exits (CFC 1008.3.1).

- Required exit access, exits and exit discharges shall be continuously maintained and free from obstructions (CFC1031.3).

- Where two or more exits are required from a room or area exit and exit access doors shall be marked by approved exit signs readily visible from any direction of egress travel (CFC 1013.1).

- Exit signs shall be internally or externally illuminated at all times; signs shall be connected to an emergency power system that provides illumination for not less than 90 minutes in case of primary power loss (CFC 1013.5 & 1013.6.3).

- Means of egress shall not pass through kitchens, storage rooms, closets or spaces used for similar purposes, or through rooms subject to locking (CFC 1016.2).

- With exceptions, total travel distance to an exit shall not exceed 200 feet in non-sprinklered buildings and 300 feet in a sprinklered building (CFC Table 1017.2).
Doors in rooms with an occupant load of 50 or more persons in a Group A occupancy shall be equipped with panic hardware or fire exit hardware (CFC 1010.1.10).

Storage of combustible materials in buildings shall be orderly, with storage separated from heating devices by distance or shielding so that ignition cannot occur (CFC 315.3).

Storage shall be maintained 2 feet or more below the ceiling in non-sprinklered areas of the buildings or a minimum of 18 inches below sprinkler deflectors in sprinklered areas of buildings (CFC 315.3.1).

Combustible waste containers larger than 40 gallons shall be constructed of noncombustible material or approved combustible material and provided with a lid (CFC 304.3.2).

Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact (CFC 605.5).

Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle (CFC 605.4.2).

A working space of not less than 30 inches in width, 36 inches in depth and 78 inches in height shall be provided in front of electrical service equipment. Storage is prohibited within the designated working space (CFC 605.3).

Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes (CFC 605.6).

Natural cut trees shall not be displayed except in areas protected by an approved sprinkler system (CFC 806.1.1).

All drapes, hangings, curtains and other decorative material, including Christmas trees that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard shall be made from a nonflammable material or shall be treated and maintained in a flame retardant condition with a flame-retardant solution approved by the State Fire Marshal (Title 19, Section 3.08).

Hand held open flame devices shall not be permitted in any A occupancy (Title 19, Section 3.25).

An operational permit is required to operate a place of assembly (CFC 105.6.36).