



Beginning this month, Campus Safety will be conducting Annual Building Fire & Life Safety Inspections on all campus buildings. These annual inspections are vital to the safety of our staff, faculty, students, and visitors, for they allow the opportunity to remedy and mitigate safety concerns before they become incidents.

All NFPA code and standard compliances are part of the inspection process. The most common issues are:

- Daisy chaining of RPTs (aka power strips, surge protectors, power tails, etc.) one to another or more, extension cords, and multi-plug adapters (prohibited), or any combination of these daisy chained
- Use of extension cords as permanent wiring
- Use of household-type extension cords (prohibited)
- Appliances plugged into outlets other than wall outlets (space heaters, microwaves, ice boxes, coffee makers, etc.)
- UL Listed and/or ETL Listed status of space heaters and other appliances and equipment
- Wall outlet plug-in type of scent makers (prohibited)
- Fire alarm pull stations, control panels, strobe and audible boxes obstructed (must have at least 36" of clearance in all directions)
- Fire extinguisher obstructions (must have at least 36" of clearance in all directions)
- Fire doors held open with door-chocks (wood or plastic triangles) and other hold open devices
- Storage within 18" of the ceiling or sprinkler heads in sprinklered buildings, within 24" of the ceiling in non-sprinklered buildings
- Storage, furniture, and other obstructions in hallways and paths of emergency egress
- Electrical panel and outlet covers missing, broken or damaged
- Electrical panel access obstructed (must have at least 36" of clearance in all directions)
- Missing, broken or damaged ceiling tiles
- Other maintenance issues that are, or can become, safety concerns

If an employee has any safety concerns in regards to the items listed above, or just in general, please contact the EHS Specialist at twalters@lit.edu and describe the safety concern.