



MEET YOUR DETROIT FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION

The mission of the Detroit Fire Marshal Division is to provide the citizens and visitors of Detroit with the highest level of fire prevention, using standards set forth by the Michigan Building Code, City Ordinance, and NFPA for the purpose of fire prevention inspections, code enforcement, plan review, investigation and public education, all delivered with outstanding customer service.

The Detroit Fire Marshal Division is responsible for a number of activities mandated by the City of Detroit Fire Ordinance. Fire Prevention staff performs fire & life safety inspections to determine fire code compliance for all activities involving both new and existing structures and outdoor activities. Fire Prevention also performs scheduled or unscheduled fire safety inspections of all commercial buildings including residential occupancies greater than three units.

The Fire Marshal Division has 28 state certified inspectors that includes; Fire Marshal, Chief of Prevention, six Captains, 16 Lieutenants, a Chief of Plans & Exam, and three Plans Examiner Captains. Inspectors are strategically placed in districts throughout the City of Detroit to provide the most efficient service to our customers. Fire Prevention Officers are sworn in by the 36th District Court; allowing Fire Prevention personnel to write court tickets for serious violations.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION

Every business is required to have an annual inspection and pay for a fire permit to conduct business in the City of Detroit.

Plans & Exam Section must review all new and modified fire safety systems.

The Fire Marshal Division conducts fire inspections at businesses in order to ensure compliance based on the City of Detroit Fire Prevention and Protection Code. Businesses that are in compliance help to prevent loss of life and property.

Fire Sweeps

Fire Watch/ Training

Code Review/Variances

Consultations

Emergency Demolition

Hazardous Escorts

Certificate of Fitness

Inter-Agency Coordination

Evacuation Plans/Drills

Fire Permit Information

Bonfire Open Burning Permit

Fireworks Display Permit

Special Event Permit

Assembly Permit

Business Occupancy Permit

Flammable Combustible Permit

Blaster Permit

Explosive Permit

Industrial Permit

FIRE PREVENTION SECTION

Fire Prevention section of the Fire Marshal's Division has six units:

■ PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS UNIT

Implement emergency evacuation plans / drills, Knox Box Installations, Fire extinguisher training and Fire safety training.

■ NEW CONSTRUCTIONS UNIT

Inspections at new construction sites, Assign fire protection system testing, Attend code review hearings and handle complaints.

■ PUBLIC ASSEMBLY UNIT

Inspect all large gathering both public and private (i.e. ball games, concerts, even parties spaces.) Monitoring how many people gather in an area/space.

■ COURT UNIT

Responsible for ticket writing & court appearances, for FOIA requests/fire reports/inspection reports for the law department & fire department records

■ HAZARDOUS MATERIAL UNIT

Inspects all 302 sites, gas stations and handles all hazardous materials facilities

■ INSTITUTIONS UNIT

Inspect all schools, day cares and health care facilities. Provide field instruction & assistance to field inspectors.

■ PLANS & EXAM SECTION

Responsible for review and approval of all fire and life safety system plans in all occupancies as required. Special events must also be approved.

Once Plan Exam Section approves plans, then the contractor brings plans to job site for field approval by one of the Fire Inspectors in the field.



PORCH ORDINANCE



Ensure the grill is on a level surface that will not burn (concrete or asphalt). City ordinance states that grills, or outdoor cooking devices, are permitted only in a home's side yard or backyard.



Grills must be at least 10 feet from a property line or fixed flammable object (home, garage, porch, deck, tent, or trees).



Have a garden hose attached to a water supply close by in case of a fire.



Use appropriate long-handled cooking tools.



Only sparingly use recommended starter fluids or other fire starters.



Wear suitable clothing (not loose dangling sleeves).

ILLEGAL BURNING

**ARE YOU TEMPTED
TO THROW YOUR TRASH IN THE FIRE?**



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Trash and debris burning causes 40 percent of all outdoor fires.

Exposure to toxins released by burning may cause developmental problems in children and can increase your risk of developing cancer. The smoke and ash can be extremely toxic.

It is illegal to burn trash, especially construction materials, within the City of Detroit. Burning can result in tickets and fines of up to \$500 and 90 days in prison.

INSTEAD OF BURNING YOUR TRASH...

Use garbage cans or dumpsters when available.



Recycle cans, plastic bottles, paper, and glass.



Tragedies show there are no safe fireworks

Since 2014, many high-powered fireworks have been legal in Michigan. Used properly, they can be a source of great fun and entertainment. Used improperly, however, they can cause serious injury or death, and cause accidental fires.

On July 4, 2014, Chief meteorologist at the Detroit ABC affiliate, lost his left eye during a fireworks mishap. In 2014, a Detroit man died in an accident involving a high-powered firework. In 2015, a Walled Lake man died in a similar accident.



BE SMART. STAY SAFE.

- **NEVER EXPERIMENT WITH FIREWORKS, ESPECIALLY AROUND VEHICLES THAT MAY CONTAIN RESIDUAL FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS I.E. GASOLINE**
- **NEVER TRY TO RE-LIGHT FIREWORKS THAT MALFUNCTION.**
- **IF A FIREWORK DOES NOT GO OFF, STAY AWAY. DO NOT GET CLOSE TO CHECK IT.**
- **KEEP A BUCKET OF WATER OR HOSE HANDY, JUST IN CASE.**
- **LIGHT FIREWORKS ONE AT A TIME. LEAVE THE PROFESSIONAL SHOW TO THE PROFESSIONALS.**
- **NEVER LIGHT FIREWORKS IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONSUMING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.**

The City's fireworks ordinance and state law emphasizes the restrictions involving the possession and sale and use of fireworks. The ordinance prohibits the sale of any type of fireworks to anyone under 18 years of age.

Detroit Fire Prevention and Protection Code, Chapter 19, Section 19-1-43.

(a) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, except on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday.

(b) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks between the hours of midnight and 8 a.m. on national holidays not including New Year's Day, or between

the hours of 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. on New Year's Day.

(c) A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission.

With the exception of the following holidays (New Law Changes) Michigan Fireworks Safety ACT PA 256, Section 7 (1, 2)

(a) December 31 until 1 a.m. on January 1.

(b) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(c) June 29 to July 4 until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.

(d) July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.

(e) The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. on each of those days.



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FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Permits
(313) 596-2963

Complaints
(313) 596-2954,
9-1-1 (After Hours)

Plans And Exams
(313) 224-1311

Knox Box Info
(313) 596-2968

**Freedom Of Information Act
(F.O.I.A.) Requests**
(313) 596-2948

Fire Reports/Inspections
(313) 596-2964

Inspections/Testing
(313) 596-2954

Fire Investigations Division-Arson
(313) 596-2940

Arson Tip Line
(313) 628-2900

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dfdfmdgeneral@detroitmi.gov

Website
[https://detroitmi.gov/departments/
detroit-fire-department/fire-
marshal-division](https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-fire-department/fire-marshal-division)

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You will need your invoice
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**Business organizations & community
groups who want to meet your
district fire inspectors call**
(313) 596-8892

