

Inspections to expect by the Building Division for Commercial Businesses in the Bozeman City Limits

Before you begin setting up your new business, please note the following requirements:

- 1) Address must be posted on the building and or door in 4" to 6" numbers in contrasting colors. (Number size depends on the visibility from the street)
- 2) Subpanels (electrical panel) must have a 30" wide, floor to ceiling clearance at all times. It also needs to be labeled and accessible to the tenant.
- 3) Restrooms must be handicap accessible, including grab bars. (Unless the building is used for the same type of business and no change in occupancy).
- 4) Outlets near sinks and all outlets in restrooms must be GFCI.
- 5) At stairways two handrails are required in commercial structures at a minimum height of 34" and maximum of 38" high.
- 6) Any structure over 30" off the ground requires guards. Guards shall have balusters such that a 4" sphere cannot pass through any opening.
- 7) Exit doors cannot be blocked with storage or debris; they must remain clear and accessible at all times.
- 8) The use of extension cords cannot create a trip hazard to the public or employees.
- 9) Water heaters must be anchored to the wall with two each water heater straps according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 10) A visible sign must be posted on the inside of the door stating "This door to remain unlocked when building is occupied" in letters 1 inch high on a contrasting background.

These are just a few of the items which will be inspected, for more information, please feel free to contact the Bozeman Building Division at (406) 582-2931 or visit our website at

<http://www.bozeman.net/bozeman/building/contacts.aspx>