



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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Dear Business Operator:

Fire and life safety is of vital concern to all of us. Your commitment is necessary to help reduce the risk of harm to your employees, customers, fire and emergency personnel, and to your property.

Please remember to keep your required exits unlocked and unblocked. If your business has an inventory of stock, the storage of that stock must not be higher than 12 feet. In addition, the stock must not be stored closer than 18 inches below the plane of the deflector of any fire sprinkler. As stock is delivered, you are reminded that you must maintain the required aisle widths free and clear throughout your occupancy.

If your property is classified as an assembly, please ensure that the number of people stated on each capacity certificate is not exceeded and that the certificate is located in a conspicuous place.

Additionally, it is important that all fire protection systems, such as automatic fire sprinklers, fire alarms, and smoke detectors, are in proper working order. Please review your records to verify that all required maintenance is current and that the system(s) continues to be inspected in the time interval required by the Fire Safety Code. Please maintain clear access to the control panels and shut off valves of these systems and to gas, electric, water shutoffs, and equipment.

A copy of the Fire Safety Code inspection **ESCAPE** guide (with key information) is available as a separate document. Please post this guide in one or more conspicuous locations for all of your employees to review.

Your business will be issued an Operational Permit(s) or General Permit in accordance to Executive Regulation 05-06AM.

We want to thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the Office of Fire Code Enforcement at 240-777-2457 or visit our web site at:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/firemarshal