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Rental Property Inspection Checklist

This checklist is a list of commonly found Fire Code Violations in R1 units (less than 10 occupants) and R3 units (more than 10 occupants). It is NOT intended to be a comprehensive list of violations that could occur. If you have any questions, please call Chief Weeks at 406-892-3911. Failed inspections may incur a re-inspection fee.

Outside	
	Is the property address properly displayed and easily visible from the street? Are all outside electrical outlets ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets? Do decks, 30 inches or more above the ground, have an adequate guardrail? Can fire apparatus get within 150 feet of the building? (20 foot wide, 13 foot height clearance)
Inside	
	Is the occupancy within Code limits? (200 sq. ft. per person: the square footage of kitchens, bathrooms, storage and hallways are excluded) Are there operable smoke detectors in each sleeping area plus each level including the basement? (Must be less than 10 years old) Are there carbon monoxide detectors installed on each floor? (Must be less than 7 years old) Are combustible materials stored at least 3 feet away from any ignition source? Are all electrical outlets in kitchens and bathrooms GFCI outlets? Are all electrical cover plates for outlets, switches, and junction boxes installed? Are there no extension cords in permanent use? Are all circuits in the breaker box properly labeled? Are there any empty spaces
	that have not been covered? Is there at least a 2A-10BC fire extinguisher properly maintained and installed? (Preferably near an exit) Does every sleeping space have at least 2 exits? (Egress windows on ground floor must have an opening of 5.0 sq. ft., on subgrade floors or above grade floors 5.7 sq. ft.)