

TYPICAL INSPECTION ITEMS

The Ambridge Fire Department will be checking for the following items prior to the issuance of a Fire and Safety Certificate:

- Address numbers shall be posted on the house, 4" minimum in height, ½" in width, visible from the street-side of the house and shall contrast the background color.
- Smoke detectors shall be installed inside every bedroom, and in the hallway / vicinity of the bedroom areas, and on each level of the house including basement level. All existing smoke detectors shall be in proper working order or replaced. Smoke detectors shall be installed on highest ceiling surface or wall nearest ceiling surface but not within 4" of the adjacent wall or ceiling surface to provide proper clearance for sensor.
- Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed in the hallway / vicinity of the bedroom areas and in the vicinity of the furnace of dwelling units which have fuel-fired appliances installed and in dwelling units that have attached garages.
- Electrical receptacles located in all bathrooms (including light fixtures / cabinets), laundry areas within 6' of wash basin / sink, ALL kitchen countertop areas, ALL receptacles in garages except ceiling mounted receptacles for garage door openers and ALL on the exterior of the house including detached garages / sheds shall be GFCI protected receptacles. GFCI protection can be at the receptacle or service panel.
- All electrical wiring shall be properly connected and secured, with all connections enclosed within junction or receptacle boxes. Electrical wiring shall have no visible splices or open wiring including visible wire cut connections.
- Interior and exterior handrails shall be on at least one side of stairways having four or more steps.
- Interior and exterior guards (railings) shall be on both sides, with no large open area, on elevated walking surfaces greater than 30" above floor / ground surface below. This includes basement stairways with open sides, and exterior walking surfaces elevated from ground surface below such as entry ways, patios and sidewalks.
- Porches, decks, balconies and stairs in good repair and properly secured with minimum ½" galvanized hex head bolts with washer / nut at all deck to post connections and ledger board connections. Two bolts, one on top of each other at each deck to post connection, and at least one ½" galvanized fastener for each joint cavity at the ledger board against the house. Carriage bolts are NOT APPROVED fasteners for this application.
- Egress doors (main entry door) must be readily operable from inside without the need for keys, special knowledge or effort and must be side hinged.
- Sash locking devices on windows within 6 feet above walking surface or ground level in rental dwellings. All bedroom windows shall have screens.
- Walls between garage and residence shall be not less than ½" gypsum board or equivalent and all penetrations sealed.
- Doors between attached garages and living areas / utility areas that can allow fire / smoke travel shall be minimum 1-3/8" solid wood, steel honeycomb or other 20-minute fire rated door. Doors shall close properly without force.
- No openings / registers in heating ducts from habitable space into the garage.
- Relief valve installed on water tank with discharge pipe the same size as discharge outlet within 6" of the floor.
- Clothes dryer exhaust duct vented directly to the outdoors with metallic material only in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. All connections shall be made either with clamps or listed metallic tape. General purpose duct tape is not allowed.
- No visible damage to exterior siding/doors/windows/roof that may allow weather infiltration or rodent infestation. All doors and windows shall be intact and secure.

The inspector will also check for visible safety hazards and violations not listed above.