

The 13-Point Fire Door Safety Checklist

Is Your Facility AHCA & NFPA Ready?

In healthcare facilities, fire doors are your first line of defense, but they are also the most frequent source of citations. According to industry data, **nearly 45% of healthcare facilities fail inspections due to door deficiencies.**

This checklist, curated by the CFDAI-certified experts at Bicoastal Fire Door Compliance, allows you to perform a preliminary "walk-through" of your facility. Use this to identify "red flags" before a formal AHCA, Joint Commission, or NFPA 80 survey.

Checklist Items

- ☐ 1. **Visible Fire Labels:** Are permanent, legible fire labels present on both the door and the frame? (Labels must not be painted over or missing).
- ☐ 2. **Damage:** No open holes or breaks in the surface of either door or frame?
- ☐ 3. **Glazing & Light Kits:** Is the glass free of cracks and glazing beads intact? Is the frame for the glass secure and fire-rated?
- ☐ 4. **Integrity:** Is the frame securely anchored? Look for gaps between the frame and the wall or any visible damage. Are hinges secure and free of "play"? Are all screws present and tightened? (No non-fire-rated hardware allowed).
- ☐ 5. **Parts:** No missing or broken parts on the door?
- ☐ 6. **Clearance:** Door clearances do not exceed clearance listed in 4.8.4 and 6.3.1.7?
- ☐ 7. **Closing:** The self-closing device is operational? Does the latch bolt fully engage the strike plate every time? (Test this from various open positions).
- ☐ 8. **Coordinator Function:** On double doors, does the "coordinator" ensure the inactive leaf closes before the active leaf?
- ☐ 9. **Latching Hardware:** Is the door securely shut when in the closed position?
- ☐ 10. **Auxiliary hardware:** Are there items that interfere with operation? And, cannot be installed on the door or frame.
- ☐ 11. **Prohibited Modifications:** Are there any "unauthorized" modifications? (e.g., holes from old hardware, wood plugs, or surface-mounted deadbolts).
- ☐ 12. **Edging:** Can you verify the presence and integrity of edge protection, gasketing and edge seals?
- ☐ 13. **Signage:** Any signage affixed to the door meets the requirements listed in section 4.1.4?

Your Compliance Score

- **13/13 Checked:** Your facility shows strong baseline compliance. Ensure your Photo-Documented Annual Inspection is up to date to maintain this status.
- **1–3 “No” Checks:** Your facility is at risk for a citation. These “minor” deficiencies are often the first things a surveyor notices.
- **4+ “No” Checks:** Action Required. Your fire doors may fail to perform in an emergency, creating significant liability and safety risks.

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