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DRY CLEANING CHECKLIST

California Fire Code Chapter 12

An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.

Classification

- Type I - Systems using Class I solvents (flash point below 100°F).
- Type II - Systems using Class II solvents (flash point at or above 100° F and below 140°F).
- Type IIIA - Systems using Class IIIA solvents (flash point at or above 140° F and below 200°F).
- Type IIIB - Systems using Class IIIB solvents (flash point at or above 200°F).
- Type IV – Systems using Class IV solvents in which dry cleaning is not conducted by the public. Solvent are classified as nonflammable.
- Type V – Systems using Class V solvents in which dry cleaning is conducted by the public.

Operating Requirements

- Fire extinguishers are provided, installed, and maintained in accordance with code requirements.
- Solvents with a flash point below that for which a machine is designed or listed are not used.
- Name plates are provided on dry cleaning machines indicating the class of solvent for which each machine is designed.
- Type II dry cleaning plants', heating is done by indirect means using steam, hot water, or hot oil only.
- Equipment, where not inherently electrically conductive are bonded together and grounded. Isolated equipment is grounded.

- There is no immersion or agitation in open vessels.
- Type V systems, customer areas are kept clean.

Equipment Maintenance and Housekeeping

- Class I and II liquids are not used for cleaning floors.
- Residue, containing solvent, is handled and disposed of in covered metal containers.
- Lint is removed from traps and disposed of properly.
- Lint traps are securely in place.

Spotting and Pre-treating

- Type I, II and III solvents do not exceed 1 gallon at any work station.
- Class I solvents are stored in approved safety cans or containers of not more than 1 gallon capacity.
- Scouring, brushing, spotting, and pre-treating are conducted with Class II or III solvents only.
- Spotting tables have a liquid tight top with minimum 1 inch high sides.
- Spotting tables are pitched to ensure drainage to approved containers.
- All metal tables and tubs are bonded and grounded.
- Type IV systems – Flammable and Combustibles are stored in approved safety cans or containers and do not exceed 1 gallon in capacity.
- Type IV systems – Aggregate amounts of flammable and combustible liquids do not exceed 10 gallons.
- Type V systems – Spotting operations are not conducted using flammable and combustible liquids.

Additional requirements may apply.