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DRY CLEANING CHECKLIST

California Fire Code Chapter 21

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 (CFC 2103.2)

- 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 CFC 906. A minimum of two, 2A 10:BC shall be provided at the doors inside rooms containing Typer II, III-A, and III-B dry cleaning systems. (CFC 2108.4)
- Solvents with a flash point below that for which a machine is designed or listed are not used. (CFC 2105.1.4)
- Name plates are provided on dry cleaning machines indicating the class of solvent for which each machine is designed. (CFC 2105.1.2)
- Type II dry cleaning plants', heating is done by indirect means using steam, hot water, or hot oil only. (CFC2104.2.2)

- Equipment, where not inherently electrically conductive, are bonded together and grounded. Isolated equipment is grounded. (CFC 2104.2.4)
- There is no immersion or agitation in open vessels. (CFC 2105.1.3)
- Type V systems, customer areas are kept clean. (CFC 2105.1.5.4)

Equipment Maintenance and Housekeeping

- Class I and II liquids are not used for cleaning floors. (CFC 2105.1.5.1)
- Residue, containing solvent, is handled and disposed of in covered metal containers. (CFC 2105.1.5.2)
- Lint is removed from traps and disposed of properly. (CFC 2105.1.5.3)
- Lint traps are securely in place. (CFC 2105.1.5.3)

Spotting and Pre-treating

- Type I, II and III solvents do not exceed 1 gallon at any work station. (CFC 2106.2/2106.3)
- Class I solvents are stored in approved safety cans or containers of not more than 1 gallon capacity. (CFC 2106.2)
- Scouring, brushing, spotting, and pre-treating are conducted with Class II or III solvents only. (CFC 2106.3)
- Spotting tables have a liquid tight top with minimum 1 inch high sides. (CFC 2106.3.1)
- Spotting tables are pitched to ensure drainage to approved containers. (CFC 2106.3.1)
- All metal tables and tubs are bonded and grounded. (CFC 2106.3.4)
- Type IV systems – Flammable and Combustibles are stored in approved safety cans or containers and do not exceed 1 gallon in capacity. (CFC 2106.6)
- Type IV systems – Aggregate amounts of flammable and combustible liquids do not exceed 10 gallons. (CFC 2106.6)
- Type V systems – Spotting operations are not conducted using flammable and combustible liquids. (CFC 2106.5)

Additional requirements may apply.