



EILANDGEBIED ST. MAARTEN NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN

FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: RESTAURANTS, SHOP AND STORES

Fire extinguishers:

Every main exit, bar storage and kitchen must have a fire extinguisher. It must be visible, hanging, and accessible. Extinguisher must be **no** less than 10 lbs ABC rated and the last inspection date may be no more than 12 months old.

Hose reels:

If the building area is more than 250 square meters then a minimum of one hose reel will be needed. The hose reel should be no longer than 30 meters and 19mm in diameter. The hose must be able to reach all locations in the building. The hose reel must be of the hard type and kink free.

Exits:

The exit doors must be accessible at all times, the distance to the door from any point in the building must be 20 meters or less. If the distance is more than 20 meters a next door will be needed. If more than 25 people will be in the building at the same time the doors will have to swing open to the outside. If more than 50 people will be in the building at the same time then 20 exits will be needed. If there are more than 100 people then the exits must be fitted with panic bars (doors that opens only from the inside by pushing down a bar)

Exits must be fitted with exit signs. Exit signs must be visible (lighted) and hanging so they can lead you to an exit.

Emergency lights:

Emergency lights must be installed in case of power failure people can find their way to an exit in a safe manner.

Alarms:

Depending on the size and how the building is divided, evacuation alarms, fire alarms and smoke detectors will be required.

Floor plans:

A plan of the building must be submitted with the application. In this plan the location of the fire extinguishers, gas bottles etc must be indicated.

For Restaurants only

Gas tanks:

A maximum of one 20lbs cylinder can be inside a building. A maximum of 20 each 100 lbs cylinders can be outside and covered from sun light and correctly connected.

For further information you can call the Fire Department

Prevention dept.

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