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1. **Artwork and teaching material posted on fire doors:** All fire doors shall not have any type of materials posted on them as it compromises the fire barrier. Required fire doors have a fire resistance rating to ensure adequate fire protection and the posting of materials creates a hazard.
2. **Flame retardant treated material:** Curtains, draperies, fabric hangings, and other decorative materials that are hung on walls must be treated with flame retardant. All treated materials require proper documentation to include both labeling each item, and keeping a log book with the date of treatment, who treated it, and the name of the treatment that was used.
3. **Electrical panel and fire protection equipment clearance and access:** Access to electrical panels and fire protection equipment shall be kept free and clear with at least a 36 inch clearance. Fire protection equipment includes manual pull stations, fire extinguishers, and fire sprinkler risers.
4. **Storage in equipment rooms:** Combustible material shall not be stored in boiler, mechanical, or electrical rooms.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Fire drill frequency and tracking:** Fire drills must be conducted monthly, even if there is testing taking place. Record keeping must be done with every drill. Schools must conduct one physical evacuation drill each month of all class cohorts which may require doing the monthly drill on multiple days to ensure all occupants participate.
2. **Propping open fire doors:** Fire doors serve an important purpose in the event of a fire and can help to contain heat and smoke. Leaving fire doors wedged open to promote easy access to exit points from a building is prohibited. Doors may only be held open by an approved device and should be kept closed at all other times.
3. **Blocked corridors and exit doors:** Corridors/hallways and exits doors must be kept clear and unobstructed at all times. It is unacceptable at any time to have boxes, chairs, desks, recycle bins, or unattended deliveries blocking exit routes. Desks and tables used in corridors as auxiliary teaching areas must not obstruct exit pathways.
4. **Fire protection system repairs:** Fire protection systems such as sprinkler, alarms, kitchen hood suppression, manual pull stations, and fire extinguishers must be repaired in a timely manner.
5. **Emergency lighting:** Emergency lighting shall be tested and documented monthly.

Data obtained from 2019 CSFD inspection reports.

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