

# ANNUAL CHECKLIST FOR MERCHANTILE OCCUPANCIES

*All code references are to NFPA 101, chapter 37 unless otherwise noted.*

- 1) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
If **high hazard commodities** are displayed or handled without protective wrappings or containers. (ex. Mineral spirits in plastic containers)
- No greater than **75 feet travel distance to exits**.
  - **2 exits** are required.
  - All **vertical openings must be enclosed**.
- (37.1.5.2)  
**NOTE: High hazard contents are those that are likely to burn with extreme rapidity or from which explosions are likely, such as fireworks.**
- 2) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Access controlled egress (Doors that provide limited access to those in possession of keys, tools or special knowledge) is allowed but only in conjunction with approved, supervised fire detection system. (37.2.2.2.5)
- 3) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
All stair doors open in the direction of egress travel UNLESS occupancy is a class C mercantile \*\* and doors only serve the street floor level. (37.2.2.2.9)
- 4) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
There are 2 exits on every story and both are accessible from every part of every story or mezzanine. (37.2.4)  
*Exceptions: In class C mercantile \*\* **only one** is required if one of the following is met:*
- *The travel distance to the single exit does not exceed 75 feet.*
  - **OR** *travel distance to exit does not exceed 100 feet and all parts of the building are sprinklered.*
- Also:
- *In any class mercantile, the common path of travel does not exceed 75 feet or 100 feet with sprinklers.*
- 5) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Dead end corridors do not exceed 50 feet. (37.2.5.2)
- 6) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Aisles leading to exits are the same width as the exit. The aisle width is no less than 28 inches. (37.2.5.5)

- 7) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
At least half of required exits are NOT reached through checkouts. Railings and barriers do not obstruct the exits. (372.5.8)
- 8) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Travel distance to exits does not exceed 150 feet (250 feet in a building with sprinklers). (37.2.6)
- 9) Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
Interior walls & ceiling finish shall comply with Class A or Class B. (37.3.3.2)