



# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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## Massachusetts General Law Chapter 148 Virtual Quarterly Inspection

When conducting a virtual inspection you are required to have an Apple Device that allows us to “Facetime” with the inspector. Massachusetts General Law 148. The following defines how to schedule a quarterly inspection in Somerville.

- During the first week of each quarter contact the Fire Prevention Bureau, at 617 625-6600 ext. 8406 to schedule inspection. Office hours are Monday through Friday 08:00-10:00 AM and 3:00-4:00 PM.
- There is no fee for the Quarterly Certification Inspection.
- The recent Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Inspection (within the last 12 months) needs to be emailed to [allfireprevention@somervillema.gov](mailto:allfireprevention@somervillema.gov) no later than two days prior to the inspection. Failure to provide this is an automatic inspection failure.

### Inspection Day

- Please arrive at the location at least five minutes prior to designated time.
- Inspections will begin at the front entrance of the property, to verify the correct address is being inspected.
- The next item in the inspection is to verify that there is power to the Fire Alarm panel.
- The inspection will begin at the highest level of living space. Top floor working down to the basement and access to all areas of the building.
- The person conducting the virtual inspection onsite will be directed by the Somerville Fire Department Inspector to activate the “test button” on all exit signs and CO2 detectors, check inspection tags on fire extinguishers, and test all emergency lighting.
- The virtual inspector onsite should pay close attention to entrances, egresses and stairways etc., ensuring at least 42 inch clearances are maintained.
- The virtual inspector should also walk the perimeter of the property looking for possible violations

We will be conducting the inspections via Apple’s FaceTime application. You will need an Apple device for this to work. You can attempt to test the FaceTime app by contacting us at [SomervilleFirePrevention.1@gmail.com](mailto:SomervilleFirePrevention.1@gmail.com) between the hours of 3:00-4:00 p.m. Mon - Fri.