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HIGH PILE STORAGE CHECKLIST

California Fire Code Chapter 32

An operational permit is required to use a building or portion thereof as a high-piled storage area exceeding 500 square feet.

Definition:

High-Piled Combustible Storage

Storage of combustible materials in closely packed piles or combustible materials on pallets, in racks or on shelves where the top of storage is greater than 12 feet in height.

Housekeeping and Maintenance

- Storage is greater than 12 feet in height. (CFC 202)
- Storage is greater than 6 feet in height for high hazard commodities such as rubber tires, Class A plastics, flammable liquids, idle pallets and similar commodities. (CFC 202)
- The structural integrity of the racks is maintained. (CFC 3205.1)
- Clearance from ignitions sources is provided. (CFC 3205.2)
- Smoking is prohibited. "No Smoking" signs are posted. (CFC 3205.3)
- Aisles are clear of storage, waste material and debris. (CFC 3205.4)
- Public accessible High-Piled Storage areas have an evacuation plan in place. (CFC 3201.4)

Commodity Classifications are provided in section 3203.

General Fire Protection and Life Safety Requirements are provided in Table 3206.2.

Additional Requirements may apply.