

Public Facilities

FACT SHEET

By the Numbers:

- 8277 Facilities were inspected during FY2014.
- Public Facilities operates under contract with the Tennessee Department of Health.
- MPH D has Six Public Facilities Inspectors.

About Public Facilities

The Public Facilities Division performs inspections of public establishments for enforcement of general sanitation and safety standards. These establishments include public swimming pools, hotel/motels, child care facilities, public schools, tattoo and body piercing establishments, organized camps, correctional facilities and sexually oriented businesses.

The program operates through a contract with the Tennessee Department of Health. Primary funding is generated by the collection of permitting/licensing fees from regulated establishments/technicians.

About Public Swimming Pool Inspections

Public Pools in Davidson County are inspected on a monthly basis. On average, Public Facilities Inspectors conduct approximately 6,700 pool inspections each year.

The inspection report includes a list of violations, which are designated as either “critical violations” or “non-critical violations.” A point value is associated with each violation. (0-100) All non-critical violations must be corrected prior to the next regularly scheduled routine inspection. All critical violations must be corrected within 10 calendar days.

About Hotel Inspections

Hotels/Motels in Davidson County are inspected on a semi-annual basis. On average, Public Facilities Inspectors conduct approximately 700 hotel inspections each year.

The inspection report includes a list of violations, which are designated as either “critical violations” or “non-critical violations.” A point value is associated with each violation. (0-100) All non-critical violations must be corrected prior to the next regularly scheduled routine inspection. All critical violations must be corrected within 10 calendar days. If the violation is not corrected by the end of this 10 day period, the permit to operate the hotel will be revoked by the Department. The hotel is closed until the owner corrects all violations and obtains a new permit.

About Child Care Facility Inspections

Child Care Facilities in Davidson County are inspected on an annual basis. On average, Public Facilities Inspectors conduct approximately 700 child care inspections each year.

The inspection report includes a list of violations, which are designated as either “critical violations” or “non-critical violations.” At the completion of the inspection, the Public Facilities Inspector will indicate on the inspection report APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, or PENDING. The inspection report will be forwarded to the Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS), which is the agency responsible for permitting child care establishments in Tennessee. No enforcement action is carried out by Public Facilities. If the inspection is not approved on the first inspection, a representative from the establishment of DHS will contact Public Facilities for a follow-up inspection.



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About Metro Schools Inspections

Public schools in Davidson County are inspected on an annual basis. On average, Public Facilities Inspectors conduct approximately 200 public school inspections each year.

Inspection reports are forwarded to the Metropolitan Nashville Public School Board. No enforcement action is carried out by Public Facilities.

About Tattoo/Body Piercing Facility Inspections

Tattoo/body piercing establishments in Davidson County are inspected on a quarterly basis. On average, Public Facilities Inspectors conduct approximately 170 tattoo/body piercing inspections each year.

The inspection report includes a list of violations, which are designated as either “critical violations” or “non-critical violations.” A point value is associated with each violation. (0-100) All non-critical violations must be corrected prior to the next regularly scheduled routine inspection. All critical violations must be corrected within 10 calendar days.

Technicians must obtain a license prior to performing any work.

About Correctional Facility Inspections

Correctional facilities in Davidson County are inspected on an annual basis. The inspection report is provided to the warden of the institution. No enforcement action is carried out by Public Facilities Inspectors.

About Adult Business Inspections

Each adult business is inspected by Public Facilities staff prior to opening for business or during a change in ownership. The inspection report will be forwarded to the Metro Codes Department, which is the agency responsible for permitting adult businesses in Nashville/Davidson County. No enforcement action is carried out by Public Facilities Inspectors.

About Organized Camp Inspections

Twelve organized camps in Davidson County are inspected on a semi-annual basis. The inspection report includes a list of violations, which are designated as either “critical violations” or “non-critical violations.” A point value is associated with each violation. (0-100) All non-critical violations must be corrected prior to the next regularly scheduled routine inspection. All critical violations must be corrected within 10 calendar days.

