



Compliance Requirements Overview

Fire Extinguishers

- **Frequency:** Annually
- **Requirement:** Each fire extinguisher must be inspected by an external auditor.
- **Documentation:** A current inspection tag must be attached to each extinguisher, showing the name of a company previously used.

Staff Licensing

- **Frequency:** Continuous / Ongoing
- **Requirement:**
 - All Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs) and Dentists must hold a **current and active Texas dental license**.
- **Verification:** Licenses should be checked regularly to ensure they remain valid.

Autoclave Spore Testing

- **Frequency:** Weekly
- **Requirement:** Spore testing must be performed by an outside testing company.
- **Documentation:** Maintain records of weekly test results.

X-Ray Quality Assurance (QA)

- **Frequency:** Quarterly
- **Requirement:**
 - Take an X-ray of the **same object each quarter** (e.g., pen, pencil, keys).
 - This must be completed **for every X-ray device** (e.g., Pano, Nomad).
- **Consistency:** The same object should be used year after year for comparison.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

- **Frequency:** Monthly
- **Inspection Criteria:**
 - Battery health
 - Any visible damage to the unit

Medications (Medical Kit)

- **Frequency:** Monthly
- **Inspection Criteria:**
 - Check for expired medications
 - Remove and replace expired items as needed

HVAC Filters

- **Frequency:** Every 6 months
- **Location:** Filters are located near the HVAC units, typically on the roof.
- **Requirement:**
 - Contact the designated AC service provider to replace filters.



X-Ray Machine Recertification (Equipment Performance Evaluation)

- **Review Frequency:** Every 6 months
- **Requirement:**
 - Evaluate the **date of the last Equipment Performance Evaluation (EPE)**.
 - The EPE must be completed **every 4 years** by Patterson or someone similar.

Backflow Testing

- **Frequency:** Annually
- **Requirement:**
 - Completed by an outside certified entity.
- **Notification:**
 - A reminder is typically sent by mail when testing is due.

Water Filtration System

- **Frequency:** Every 12 months
- **Requirement:**
 - Replace filters annually.
- **Ordering Guidance:**
 - Purchase online if available for lower cost.
 - If not available, order through **Patterson**.