



Santa Maria Fire Remote Video Inspection (RVI)

Remote Video Inspection (RVI) is an alternative to an on-site inspection available due to Coronavirus transmission concerns.

RVI Inspection Criteria: RVI is available for most residential, and certain commercial inspections, unless the Fire Inspector determines a field inspection is necessary and appropriate preventive measures are available.

Note: An RVI inspection may not be possible due to the size and/or complexity of the project. In that case, the Fire Inspector working remotely may partially approve the inspection and make every effort to complete the field inspection the same day. If this is not possible, the Fire Inspector will schedule a field inspection for the next business day.

A. Inspection Process

1. Inspections are scheduled by leaving a message on the Fire Department Inspection Hotline at 805-925-0951, extension 2502 or correspondence is mailed regarding the inspection.
2. Prior to the inspection a Fire Inspector will call or e-mail you at the phone number/e-mail provided.
 - The Inspector will coordinate a specific date/time to conduct a **GOOGLE DUO or FACE TIME inspection.**
3. It is the responsibility of the Permittee (Contractor, Architect, or Owner) to have access to/install **GOOGLE DUO** or **FACE TIME** on their smart phone or other compatible device.
 - <https://duo.google.com/about/>
 - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380>

B. Prepare for RVI

1. Prior to the inspection, ensure that the necessary tools for the specific inspection are readily available. For example, obtain a tape measure, step ladder (for testing of smoke alarms), note pad, pen or pencil, etc.
2. Make sure the device being used during the inspection is fully charged.
3. Be ready to accept a video call at the scheduled time and respond to requests from the Fire Inspector.
4. Turn off the devices' notifications during the video call. Notifications freeze the video call and will cause delays to the inspection or could require the inspection to be rescheduled.

C. The Inspection

1. Begin the inspection at street view looking at structure with the address showing.
2. Follow the Fire Inspector's directions.
3. Walk inspection in a clockwise direction and from the first floor to top floor (if multiple floors).
4. Make note of any violations the Fire Inspector identifies.

D. Inspection Results

1. The Fire Inspector will inform you at the end of the video call if the inspection has cleared or if there are corrections.
2. The Fire Inspector will provide a copy of the Inspection Record via email.
3. In the event an inspection is not successful and violations are identified, it is the responsibility of the Permittee (Contractor, Architect, or Owner) to correct the violations as soon as possible and call for a re-inspection.

Please contact Fire Prevention if you have any questions (805) 925-0951 ext. 8533 or e-mail fireprevention@cityofsantamaria.org.