

Inspection Checklist: Fake, Toy, or Imitation Guns

Does your business sell fake, toy, or imitation guns?

Use this checklist to learn what our inspectors look for and help avoid violations. All businesses also must comply with the General Retail Inspection Checklist, which is included at the end for easy reference.

	Requirement	Do you meet this requirement?
1	Fake guns can only be sold if they are entirely one or more of the following colors:	□ Yes
	 White Bright Red Bright Orange Bright Yellow Bright Green Bright Blue Bright Pink Bright Purple Transparent (internal contents visible) Translucent (stained or frosted glass) Tip: It is illegal to sell fake guns that are black, silver, camouflage, or any other color that is not bright or neon. Fake guns with brightly colored red or orange tips are illegal if the rest of the gun is dark-colored. 	
2	The barrel of the fake gun must be plugged for at least ½ inch by material that is the same as the gun. Tip: This does not apply to water guns.	□ Yes
3	The fake gun must have a stamp on it that clearly identifies the manufacturer.	☐ Yes
4	The fake gun cannot have a laser pointer attached to it.	☐ Yes



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Julie Menin Commissioner New York City businesses must comply with all relevant federal, State, and City laws and rules, which are available in DCA's Business Toolbox. Businesses are responsible for knowing and complying with current regulations that affect their business.



Does your business sell goods or services?

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	Requirement	Do you meet this requirement?
	Price Lists for Services	
1	A price list with the types of services and the prices of those services must be displayed.	□ Yes
2	The price list must be clearly posted or clearly displayed near the cash register and/or at the place(s) where orders are placed.	□ Yes
3	If the price list states a minimum charge (e.g., "from \$") or states a price "and up," it must state the reason for the different prices and include the range of prices.	□ Yes
4	If there is a sale or promotion, the pre-sale prices must also be posted for comparison.	☐ Yes
5	Prices for services cannot be based on gender.	☐ Yes
	Tip : Words like "men's," "women's," and "ladies'" cannot be used to describe the price; the difference must be described in a gender neutral way. (Example: Above the shoulder hair = \$15; Below the shoulder hair = \$30)	
	Tip : Instead of listing prices for shirts and blouses, the price must be described based on physical differences between the shirts. (Example: sequins, ruffles, fancy buttons)	
	Pricing for Goods	
6	All items offered for sale must have a clearly visible price.	☐ Yes
7	For most items, the price must be attached to the item or on a sign where the item is displayed.	□ Yes
8	If your store's annual revenue is more than \$2 million or you are a chain store, you must individually price most food products, as well as paper products, detergents, soaps, nonprescription drugs, and health and beauty aids.	□ Yes
O	Milk; eggs; fresh produce; snack foods that are less than 5 ounces; frozen foods; jars of baby food; and items that are less than 3 cubic inches, under 3 ounces and under \$1 do not have to be individually priced, but must have shelf prices.	□ Yes



	Requirement	Do you meet this requirement?
	Signs	
10	Sale signs that advertise a percent discount—example: 20-50% off—must state the minimum percent discount.	□ Yes
	Tip: Both the minimum and maximum numbers must be of equal size.	
	20-50% OFF OFF	
11	Sale signs cannot contain any of the following phrases:	☐ Yes
	 "Our list price" Below "manufacturer's wholesale cost" "Manufacturer's cost" 	
12	Businesses that sell goods and services must post a refund policy.	☐ Yes
	Tip : A refund policy must be posted at each register, point of sale, or at each entrance.	
	Tip : Even if the policy is not to give refunds, a sign must be posted stating "No Refunds."	
13	The refund policy must state any and all conditions or limitations to getting a refund. For example:	☐ Yes
	 Businesses must disclose any fees charged for refunds, such as "restocking fees." 	
	If a business will not provide refunds for "as is" items, it must disclose that.	
	 Businesses must also disclose whether the refund will be in cash, credit, or store credit only. 	
	If proof of purchase is required for a refund, the sign must say so.	
	 A business that chooses not to offer refunds must post a sign that states, "No Refund," or words to that effect. 	
	The sign must state that a written copy of the store's refund policy is available on request.	



	Requirement	Do you meet this requirement?
14	If there are limitations on using credit cards, such as minimum purchase amounts, the policy must be clearly posted near the register and the entrance.	☐ Yes
	Receipts	
15	Receipts must be given to customers for purchases over \$20 and upon request for purchases between \$5 and \$20.	☐ Yes
	Tip : This does not apply to food and drink that is meant to be consumed on the premises.	
16	The receipt must include each of the following:	☐ Yes
	 Date of purchase Amount paid for each item Total amount paid Separate statement of tax Name and address of store 	
17	Receipts for electronics that cost more than \$100 must also include the make and model number of the item.	☐ Yes
	Price Accuracy	
18	When items are scanned, the price must match the lowest item price, shelf price, sale price, or advertised price.	☐ Yes
19	If no scanners are used, the price at checkout must still match the lowest item price, shelf price, sale price, or advertised price.	☐ Yes
20	Tax cannot be charged on tax-exempt items.	☐ Yes
	Tip : Check with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for a complete list of which items are exempt.	



	Requirement	Do you meet this requirement?
	Layaway Plans	
21	If layaway is offered, each of the following written disclosures must be provided to consumers prior to accepting any payments over \$50 in 4 installments or more: Description of the item, including name, brand, color, and model number Total cost of the item including tax Charge to use layaway and any cancellation fee Duration of the layaway plan Payment schedule and any consequences of missed payments Refund policy Notice of whether or not the item won't be removed from inventory until a certain number of payments have been made Example 1: NOTICE: NO MERCHANDISE WILL BE REMOVED FROM INVENTORY UNTIL X% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID. Example 2: ATTENTION: YOUR SELECTION OF MERCHANDISE WILL	□ Yes
	NOT BE ORDERED UNTIL YOU HAVE MADE YOUR NEXT TO FINAL PAYMENT.	
	Expired Over-the-counter Medication	
22	It is illegal to sell over-the-counter medication after the expiration date on the label.	☐ Yes



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