

General Fire Marshall Guidelines:

A 40:BC Fire Extinguisher (101b BC) and a metal lid (for each cooking device) are Required within any booth utilizing cooking and/or warming devices. Cooking shall not be permitted beneath tents.

Exhibit booths shall not obstruct access to the building's firefighting equipment

Tents in the exhibit halls shall not exceed 300 square feet. Displays beneath tents shall be subject to fire department approval based upon their combustibility and associated hazards. Exhibitors with tents shall not be located next to one another.

Tents and exhibit booths with ceilings shall only be permitted to be used inside exhibit halls A, B, & C. (All other inside areas of the convention center are off limits to tents and exhibits with ceilings/roofs)

Individual exhibitors shall ensure that their booth is properly constructed. Drapes, signs, banners, acoustical materials, cotton, paper, hay, straw, moss, split bamboo, plastic, cloth, and similar materials shall be flame retardant or fabricated of inherent fireproof materials

Written authorization from the FD required for the following operations:

Display and/or operation of any open flame device such as, but not limited to, heaters, grills, fireplaces, candles, lanterns, torches, etc.

Display and/or operation of any electrical, mechanical, or chemical device that is deemed hazardous by the fire department.

Storage or use of combustible/flammable liquids, compressed gases, or hazardous chemicals

Note #1: Displays or exhibits that require the use of LP gas or compressed gas cylinders shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) five pound LP cylinder and (1) standard D (40 cubic feet) oxygen cylinder or one (1) standard ACB (40 cubic feet) acetylene cylinder. Cylinders shall be secured at all times to prevent them from being knocked over,

Note #2: All booths or exhibits that use an open flame device shall have a fully charged and currently tagged (within the last 12 months) five pound ABC fire extinguisher accessible within their booth.

Exhibits involving food preparation:

Portable cooking equipment that is not flue-connected shall be permitted only as follows:

Equipment fueled by small heat sources that can be readily extinguished by water, such as candles or alcohol burning equipment (including solid alcohol), shall be permitted to be used provided adequate precautions satisfactory to the authority having jurisdiction are taken to prevent ignition of any combustible materials.

Candles shall be permitted to be used on tables used for food service if securely supported on substantial noncombustible bases located so as to avoid danger of ignition of combustible materials and only if approved by the authority having jurisdiction. (Candle flames shall be protected) a "Flaming sword" or other equipment involving open flames and flamed dishes, such as cherries jubilee or crepe suzette, shall be permitted to be used provided necessary precautions are taken and subject to the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

Listed and approved LP-Gas commercial food service appliances as permitted by NFPA 58, Standard for the Storage and Handling of Liquefied Petroleum Gases.

Note: NFPA 58 permits portable butane fueled appliances in restaurants and in attended commercial food catering operations where fueled by no more than two 10 oz. (0.28-kg) LP- Gas capacity non-refillable butane containers having a maximum 1.08-1b. (0.4-kg) water capacity per container. Containers must be directly connected to the appliance, and manifolding of containers is not permitted. Storage of cylinders is also limited to 24 containers, with an additional 24 permitted where protected by a 2-hr fire resistance rated barrier.

Cooking and warming devices shall be permitted as follows:

Cooking and/or warming devices that produce grease laden vapors shall be electric. (An approved testing laboratory such as U.L. and/or EM shall list all cooking devices).

Cooking and warming devices shall be isolated from the public. The device shall be placed back a minimum of four (4) feet from the front of the booth (Measurement shall be from an aisle), or provided with a fixed "Non-Combustible" shield (i.e., 1/4 inch thick Plexiglas or stainless steel) 18 inches high, across the front and on both sides of the demonstration area.

A maximum of (2) cooking and/or warming devices shall be permitted per booth. At least 2 feet of distance shall be maintained between cooking devices at all times. Individual cooking and/or warming devices shall not exceed 288 square inches of cooking surface area (12" x 24").

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