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FOOD BOOTH, TENTS & CANOPIES, & PARADE FLOATS

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

Please read these safety requirements carefully. These requirements are for your safety as well as the safety of your co-workers and patrons. If you do not follow these safety requirements you will not be allowed to operate and you may be legally responsible if someone gets hurt. If you have any questions, please call the Fire Marshal's Inspection Request line at **253-946-7318.**

FOOD BOOTHS

- ✓ **Fire extinguishers:** All cooking areas, regardless of size, must have at least one fire extinguisher with a minimum UL rating of *at least* 2-A:40-B:C. Look for a sticker on your fire extinguisher with the UL label. The UL classification must be *at least* 2-A:40-B:C. A smaller number will not work. There are additional requirements for fryers (see below). All fire extinguishers must be new (show receipt) or have a label or tag showing service within the last twelve (12) months. All fire extinguishers *must be mounted*, preferably near an exit, not more than sixty (60) inches to the top of the fire extinguisher.
- ✓ **Flammability:** Your tent or canopy must have certification ***on site*** showing it will resist burning. *Most* commercially available tents or canopies have flame resistance tags sown into the liner. EZ up brand canopies are ok. *Blue tarps are not ok.*
- ✓ **Barbeques.** BBQs and other cooking producing smoke must be outside the tent or canopy.
- ✓ **Deep Fat Fryers:** If you want to do any cooking in fat or oil, you must have tight-fitting metal covers for *each* pan or fryer. We do not recommend placing fryers anywhere water could come in contact with the oil (outside if raining, for example). You will need a Type K extinguisher for deep frying. Deep fat frying inside a concession trailer requires an automatic fire suppression system and a Type K extinguisher.
- ✓ **Aisles/Exits:** You must plan an escape route. Make sure you arrange your tables, work areas and cookers so everyone can get out easily. Don't make your escape route pass cookers, trip hazards, stock etc. Make your aisles at least thirty-six (36) inches wide. Place your fire extinguisher near your exit.
- ✓ **Propane-LP Gas** (propane): Must be stored safely by securing all propane containers so they will not get knocked over. Make sure the hoses are in good condition.
- ✓ **Safety Separation:** You will need to arrange your cooking so people don't get burned. We recommend putting your counter in the front and your cookers in the back with some arrangement to keep people (kids) away from hot things.
- ✓ **Commercial Cooking Operations:** Automatic fire extinguishing systems must have a tag or label affixed indicating service within the last six (6) months.

TENTS OR CANOPIES

- ✓ **Parking:** Automobiles must park at least twenty (20) feet away from all tents or canopies.
- ✓ **Stability:** Tents and canopies must be stable and braced so the wind and/or rain will not cause them to fall down and hurt someone.
- ✓ **Fire extinguishers:** Any tent or canopy bigger than two-hundred (200) square feet must have a fire extinguisher with a UL classification of at least 2-A:10-B:C. There are additional requirements for cooking areas (see above). Also, if you have a generator or flammable liquid you will need a fire extinguisher. Look for the sticker on your fire extinguisher with the UL label on it. The classification must be at least 2-A:10-B:C. (1-A:10-B:C or 2-A:5-B:C is not ok).

- ✓ All extinguishers must be new (show receipt) or have a label or tag affixed showing the date of service less than twelve (12) months old.
- ✓ **Compressed Gas Cylinders:** All compressed gas cylinders need to be secured so they won't get knocked over. This would include Helium, C02, propane, oxygen, etc.
- ✓ **Smoking or Sources of Ignition:** There will be NO smoking inside any tent or canopy. No fireworks, open flames, hot objects or devices that create a hot glow are allowed in or around any tent or canopy.
- ✓ **Combustible storage:** Hay, straw, trash and other combustible materials must be stored at least thirty (30) feet away.
- ✓ **Sleeping area:** Must have working smoke detectors.
- ✓ **Generators:** Generators may not be used or refueled within twenty (20) feet of a tent or canopy. Gasoline and other flammable liquids may not be stored within fifty (50) feet of any tent or canopy. Generators may not be operated within any tent or canopy.

PARADE FLOATS

- ✓ **Decorative Material:** Must be non-combustible or flame retardant.
- ✓ **Fire extinguishers:** Motorized parade floats and towing apparatus must be provided with a minimum 2-A:10-B:C rated fire extinguisher readily accessible to the operator.