

10TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION/SISKIYOU GOLDEN FAIR
YREKA, CALIFORNIA

FIRE AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. **GENERAL:** The following fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable to any exhibit space, booth or tent within the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshall (SFM), (i.e. state owned fairgrounds). This list is not meant to cover all possible situations.
 - a. Plans identifying the configuration of exhibit spaces shall be submitted to the fair for submission to the State Fire Marshall (SFM) for review and approval at least 10 working days prior to the opening day of the fair. These plans shall indicate the location and size of all exit doors and aisles, and shall show exhibits both inside and outside of any building. Where seating is provided, the plan shall indicate the number of rows and seats between aisles. Final approval is subject to field inspections.
 - b. SFM may enter any portion of any exhibit space or booth on the fairgrounds at any time for purpose of inspecting the premises for fire and life safety.
 - c. No display or exhibit shall be installed or operated that will interfere in any way with access to any exit or with the visibility of any exit sign. No display shall block access to firefighting equipment, such as fire extinguisher stations, fire hose cabinets and fire hydrants or access by fire suppression vehicles or equipment.
 - d. The location of all hydrants, fire extinguishers, water barrels, etc. shall be clearly marked in all areas.
 - e. The exhibition of vehicles powered by internal combustion gasoline engines inside building shall require the following:
 - i. Fuel tank shall be emptied/empty.
 - ii. The gas cap shall be taped in place to deter removal.
 - iii. The battery or batteries shall be disconnected.
 - iv. The battery terminals shall be taped with electrical tape.
 - v. Vehicles shall be inspected by SFM.
 - f. The use of any type of open flame shall be approved by SFM prior to any operation or installation.
 - g. Bark dust or like material shall be kept moist at all times.
 - h. All carpet edges shall be securely taped in place. Carpeting shall only be used on the floor.
 - i. No smoking indoors.
 - j. A good housekeeping program shall be maintained. Adequate noncombustible trash receptacles shall be provided in all areas.
 - k. Remove trash accumulations regularly.
2. **BOOTH CONSTRUCTION/LOCATION:**
 - a. Booths shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from any permanent structure. If conditions warrant, distance may be reduced as approved by the Fire Marshall.
 - b. All fabric or pliable canopy covers, side/backdrops and decorative material must be:
 - i. Inherently fire resistive and labeled as such; or
 - ii. Treated by a State Fire Marshall licensed applicator. If the booth is owner occupied, may be treated by the owner with a State Fire Marshall approved fire retardant chemical (empty can and dated sales receipt may serve as proof).
 - c. Exit openings shall be a minimum of 3 feet wide and 6 feet, 8 inches in height.
3. **FIRE SAFETY TIPS:**
 - a. Know where the fire extinguisher is located and how to use it.
 - b. Do not leave food cooking unattended.
 - c. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing when cooking.
 - d. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.

4. **ELECTRICAL:**
- a. All electrical extension cords shall be of the heavy-duty three-wire (grounded) hard-usage type. No two-wire extension wiring shall be allowed. All extension wiring shall be protected from physical damage and shall be limited to 20 feet in length.
 - b. Electrical equipment and installation shall be inspected and approved by a qualified person or concern acceptable to the State Fire Marshall.
5. **TENTS:** The following fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable for all tents, awnings and fabric-covered enclosures.
- a. All tents, awnings and other fabric-covered enclosures shall be made from a nonflammable material or shall be treated and maintained in approved flame-retardant condition. Documentation shall be maintained with the tent or awning.
 - b. Any paper or fabric used in displays or exhibits shall be fire resistive or treated with an approved fire retardant solution prior to use. Documentation of such shall be available during any inspection.
 - c. All tents with occupancy of 11 or more shall bear the seal of the California State Fire Marshall.
 - d. No smoking shall be allowed in any tent. NO SMOKING signs shall be posted.
 - e. No vehicles shall be parked within 100 feet of a tent unless it is necessary for the operation of the tent, or parked on a street closer than 20 feet from the tent.
 - f. No open-flame device shall be permitted in any tent or tent structure.
6. **FOOD SERVICES AREAS:** The following fire and life safety requirements shall be applicable for all food services areas, including temporary concession stands inside or outside of buildings.
- a. The use, storage and handling of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any flammable or combustible liquid shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1).
 - b. The use and storage of portable containers of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) inside buildings or tents is subject to approval by SFM. Location of use and storage of any portable container of LPG shall be noted on the plans prior to approval (see General Item #1).
 - c. Commercial cooking may be allowed only in approved locations with approved equipment. Approval by SFM is required prior to use.
 - d. Cooking booths must be separated from non-cooking booths by 10 feet.

Fire Extinguishers: Each booth must have a minimum 2A10BC rated portable fire extinguisher. Note that deep fat or flambé type cooking operations may require additional and/or larger units, as per the Fire Marshall. Fire extinguishers shall conform to the following:

- The fire extinguisher must be mounted or secured so that it will not fall over.
- It must be visible and accessible and away from the cooking area.
- It must be serviced within the last year, with a service tag attached.

Deep Fat Fry/Flambé Cooking: Deep fat trying or flambé cooking operations shall be located in separate enclosure where only cooking operations are performed. Such enclosures shall conform to booth construction requirements as previously outlined, but the top of the enclosure shall be OPEN or, when required by the Health Department, shall be provided with METAL SCREENING with a minimum height of 7 feet.

Wood Barbecue Cooking:

- Wood barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths.
- Wood barbecue cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access.
- Distances from wood barbecues to permanent structures or festival booths shall be as approved by the Fire Marshall.
- Fuel wood shall not be stored inside of booths.
- Coals shall be disposed of only in metal containers that have been designated for such use and approved by the Fire Marshall. Dumping coals in trash containers is prohibited!

Charcoal Barbecue Cooking:

- Charcoal barbecue cooking is prohibited inside of booths or tents.
- Only commercially sold charcoal fuel may be used.
- Charcoal cooking shall be performed only in areas away from public access and shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from any booth with a minimum of 15 feet from any permanent structure.
- Only commercially sold charcoal lighter fluid or electric starters may be used; no gasoline, kerosene, etc.
- No storage of starter fluid in the booth.
- Coals shall be disposed of only in metal containers that have been designated for such use and approved by the Fire Marshall. Dumping coals in trash containers is prohibited!

Cooking Equipment:

- All cooking equipment shall be of an approved type.
- Coleman stoves or equivalent may be used only with approved fuel and the following containers:
 - a. No gasoline or kerosene is to be used.
 - b. No fueling of stoves in booth.
 - c. No storage of fuel in booth.
- Butane or propane equipment shall conform to the following:
 - a. The maximum size for LPG tanks used inside of booths is 5 gallons.
 - b. Tanks shall have a shutoff valve.
 - c. Stoves must have an on/off valve.
 - d. Hose must be of type approved for use with this equipment.
 - e. Tank must be far enough away from stove to be shut off in case of fire-not under table with stove on top.
 - f. Tank must be protected from damage and secured in upright position.
 - g. Tanks must have a pressure regulator.
 - h. No storage of extra butane or propane tanks in booth.
 - i. Turn off tank when not in use.
- All connections must be tested and may be done with soap and water solution.
- A minimum of 18 inches shall be provided between the booth backdrop material and cooking appliances. Clearance may be reduced as approved by the Fire Marshall.
- A minimum of 18 inches shall be provided between deep frying appliance/woks and open flame stoves.

Housekeeping:

- The Fire Marshall requires the use of noncombustible materials in the cooking areas.
- Remove trash accumulations regularly.
- Clean all cooking surfaces regularly to prevent the build-up of grease.

California Code of Regulations
Section 3.08, Title 10

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

ALL DRAPES, HANGINGS, CURTAINS, DROPS AND ALL OTHER DECORATIVE MATERIAL, INCLUDING CHRISTMAS TREES, THAT WOULD TEND TO INCREASE THE FIRE AND PANIC HAZARD SHALL BE MADE FROM NON-FLAMMABLE MATERIALS, OR SHALL BE TREATED AND MAINTAINED IN A FLAME-RETARDANT CONDITION BY MEANS OF A FLAME-RETARDANT SOLUTION OR PROCESS APPROVED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL. EXIT DOORS, EXIT LIGHTS, FIRE ALARM SENDING STATIONS, WET STANDPIPE HOSE CABINETS, AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER LOCATIONS SHALL NOT BE CONCEALED OR OBSTRUCTED BY ANY DECORATIVE MATERIAL.