Tent Safety Information

Tents/Booths/Stands

- No smoking signs posted where propane is in use.
- Cooking operations are at least 20 feet from non-cooking tent/booth/stand.
- Combustible vegetation, trash, and debris are not stored in and around tent/booth/stand.
- Tent has fire resistant certification label attached or available certificate.
- Tent weight of 25 pounds per leg are required. Accepted types of weights are shown below.
- PVC style weights must be hung from the roof support of the canopy with the weight resting on the ground.
- 44 square feet or less requires 25 pounds per leg or manufacturer's recommendation, whichever is greater.
- 144 to 700 square feet requires 40 pounds per leg or manufacturer's recommendation, whichever is greater.
- 701 square feet or greater requires approved documentation of structural stability.
- If tents are lashed together, the total square feet are used to determine the weighting requirements.





Fire Extinguishers

- Non-cooking vendors – ABC type dry chemical (minimum rating of 2-A:10-B:C) distributed at no more than 75 feet travel distance.
- Cooking with oil of more than 1 inch in depth requires a Class K fire extinguisher.
- Cooking with no oil or a depth of less than 1 inch requires a 2-A:10-B:C extinguisher.
- Fire extinguisher(s) are new or in good working condition with current service tags.
- Additional fire extinguishers may be required by the fire code official, or travel distances may be reduced based on identified hazards.

Electrical

- Extension cords are not less than a 14 gauge (min. 15 amp rated) with three conductor
- grounded plug and receptacle or are sufficient gauge wire and type to serve the rated capacity of the appliance/equipment.
- Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, and other equipment are in good working
- condition without splices, deterioration, or damage.
- No modified or damaged equipment is used.

Flammable and Combustible Fuels

- Generators or fuel fired equipment are located at least 10 feet from tent or stand.
- Generators shall not be fueled while running or hot.
- Generators shall not be within 5 feet of a building opening.
- Generators shall have A2-A:20-B-C fire extinguisher within 50 feet.
- No Smoking signs posted around propane cylinders.
- Propane cylinders/tanks are at least 10 feet from the tent/booth/stand.
- Propane cylinders/tanks are secured from falling.
- Propane tubing, piping, regulators, and connections were tested for leaks with a soapy water solution before cooking operations or after cylinder/tanks changes.

The items above are some of the common and correctable things we come across during inspections. This IS NOT a complete list of items that may come up during an inspection.