



McMINNVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Food Concessions & Vendor Fire Safety Checklist

Tents/Booths/Stand

- No smoking signs posted.
- Cooking operations are at least 10 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.

Fire Extinguishers

- Non-cooking vendors – ABC type dry chemical (not less than 5lb rated at 2A10BC).
- Food Concessions (all cooking appliances/equipment/BBQ's) – Type K wet chemical with an ABC type dry chemical (not less than 5lb rated at 2A10BC)
- Fire extinguisher(s) are new or in good working condition with current service tags.

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.
- Generators or fuel fired equipment are located at least 20 feet from tent or stand.

Propane

- No Smoking signs posted around propane cylinders.
- Propane cylinders/tanks are at least 10 feet from cooking appliances.
- Propane cylinders/tanks are located outside or exterior edge of tent.
- Propane cylinders/tanks are secured from falling. i.e. secured to a stake/tent pole.
- Propane tubing, piping, regulators, and connections were tested for leaks with a soapy water solution before cooking operations or after cylinder/tanks changes.

Note: Most Special Events require more than one emergency exit. Please contact the Fire Marshal for specifics regarding your event.

Reference

Fire Extinguisher

K-type Fire Extinguisher vs. Dry Powder Extinguisher for cooking fires

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4GPxV_2vV0

Past Propane Fire Incidents

Tucson, AZ - Dec. 2010 - Street fair propane flash fire from leaking hose injures people –

<http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/global/story.asp?s=13652196>

McMinnville, Oregon - July 2009 - Unsecured propane tank falls over sparks fire at county fair -

<http://www.katu.com/home/video/52032572.html>

McMinnville fire damage pictures

