



City of Fond du Lac Fire/Rescue

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Fire Safety Requirements for Special Events

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Under the provisions of the NFPA 1 & 101 as amended by the State of Wisconsin, and the City of Fond du Lac, the vendor is responsible for meeting or exceeding the following requirements.

INGRESS/EGRESS/CAPACITY

- Capacity requirements of the building must be followed.
- Exit doors and paths must be maintained at required width.
- Exterior exits must remain unobstructed and shall lead to a public access.
- When temporary seating is in use, the aisle ways are to be kept clear and placed as designated per the Fire Department.

FIRE PROTECTION

- Vendors must maintain access to the fire hydrant or Fire Department Connection.
- All fire extinguishers and alarm system pull stations must be accessible and clear of obstacles.
- Buildings with a sprinkler system must comply with clearances to sprinkler heads and all equipment associated with the sprinkler system.

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Each outside tent/booth must have a minimum 2-A-10-BC: Class rated portable fire extinguisher.
- Any cooking operation involving combustible cooking media (e.g. vegetable or animal oils and fats) will also require a Class K fire extinguisher in addition to the 2-A-10-BC class fire extinguisher.
- Each extinguisher must be mounted and secured in a manner that it will not fall over yet be easily accessed in the case of an emergency.
- Each extinguisher must be visible and accessible and located away from the cooking area.
- Each extinguisher must have been serviced within the last year and have a certified company service tag attached.

FIRE SAFETY

- All extension cords must be rated for the appliance they are servicing.
- Extension cords shouldn't be used unless absolutely necessary and when used must be UL approved and secured.
- Multi-plug surge protector type cords should be used if possible.
- Extension cords can't be run from inside for outside use.

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PORTABLE COOKING

The following requirements have been established based on NFPA 1 and the State of Wisconsin as amended by the City of Fond du Lac and must be met when open flame cooking devices are used for food preparation at an outdoor special event. You are responsible for meeting or exceeding the following requirements for the management of all open flame and cooking areas.

BUTANE OR PROPANE EQUIPMENT

- No propane tanks are allowed in a building.
- No open flame devices using propane or butane can be used in a building.
- No heating and cooking equipment can be used inside of the building.
- Heating and cooking equipment shall **not** be located within 10 feet of exists, passageways, or combustible materials.
- A minimum of five feet (5') of clearance must be maintained between the public and all cooking devices.
- A physical barrier must separate all cooking activities from the public.
- Tanks must have a shut-off valve.
- Stoves must have an on-off valve.
- Hoses must be of an approved type for use with the equipment.
- Tanks must be protected from damage and secured in the upright position.
- Tanks must be turned off when not in use.
- All connections must be tested prior to use. Testing may be done with a soap and water solution.

CHARCOAL BARBECUE COOKING

- Charcoal cooking must be performed only in areas away from public access and shall be located a minimum of 10 feet (10') from any permanent structure.
- Only commercially sold charcoal lighter fluid or electric starters may be used (no gasoline, kerosene, etc.).
- Coals must be disposed of only in metal containers that have been designated for such use and are approved by the AHJ. Dumping of coals in trash containers is prohibited.

A Fond du Lac Fire Department representative may complete an inspection prior to the event to verify compliance. Contact the fire department with any questions at (920) 322-3807 or (920) 322-3800.