

GUIDELINES FOR VENDOR BOOTHS



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Listed below are the requirements for events.

Scope:

This standard shall apply to individual tents, temporary structures or membrane structures used as booths for carnivals, street fairs and flea markets.

Permits, approvals and inspections shall be in accordance with the California Code of Regulation Title 19, (Chapter 2), California Fire Code (Section 1002 & Chapter 31, Article 32), California Health & Safety Code (Division 104, Part 7 Chapter 4), CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, and the San Luis Obispo County Health Department.

CAL FIRE Pismo Beach Fire Department BOOTHS/TENTS:

- Sidewalls, drops, and tops of all such structures shall be made of a flame-resistant material or treated with a flame retardant approved by the California State Fire Marshal. If chemically treated, provide sample material to CAL FIRE representative for testing or label or both.
- The approved California State Fire Marshal's label shall be permanently affixed to the structure or a label showing the name, type and applicant of flame retardant materials.
- All structures shall be adequately braced and anchored to prevent collapse or causing structure to go airborne.

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

- Each vendor will bring a portable fire extinguisher for their space.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be a minimum rating of 2A, 10BC.
- Booths/Tents with cooking facilities inside or adjacent to them shall have a fire
- Extinguisher rating of a minimum 3A, 40BC. If vendor is heating oil the extinguisher will be K Class. If cooking with wood, the extinguisher will be a 2 ½ gal pressurized water and a 2A10BC fire extinguisher. Annual verification of service is required for all fire extinguisher. If fire extinguisher is less than a year old, a copy of invoice or receipt will serve as annual verification of service for first year.

IGNITION SOURCES:

- Smoking, fireworks, open flame or hot objects capable of ignited combustible materials shall not be allowed inside the booths/tent.
- 'No Smoking' signs shall be posted.

- Cooking devices with an open flame and barbecues shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any booth/tent and shall be protected from access by the public.

ELECTRICAL & GENERATORS:

- Extension cords shall be of a grounded type and listed for exterior use.
- Extension cords shall be unplugged after each daily use.
- Extension cords shall not be used in lieu of hardwire.
- Use of generators is discouraged.
- Generator shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any booth/tent and shall be protected from access by the public with a fence.

COMPRESSED GAS TANKS:

- LPG and other compressed gas tanks shall be secured in an upright position.
- All tanks shall be protected from public access.
- Empty tanks shall be removed on a daily basis.

COOKING AREA LAYOUT:

- A minimum of 6-foot side clear space shall be provided between the cooking space area and the back of the tent.
- A minimum of 18-inch wide clear space shall be provided between the cooking space and the side and rear of the cooking area.
- Cooking & barbecues shall be a minimum of 10 feet from any booth/tent and shall be protected from access by the public.

USE OF LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS:

- Vendors may use Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in booths/tents as defined above, when the booth/tent is separated from other booths/tents & canopies by at least twenty feet and approved by the San Luis Obispo County Health Department.
- LPG cylinders shall be located outside tents and canopies.
- Vendors using LPG or liquid fueled appliances in a tent or canopy will be evaluated on a case by case bases.

BARBECUES:

- Trailer barbecues shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible walls, roofs, or other combustible material.
- Charcoal and LPG gas barbecues may be located in the cooking space, but in other use locations shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible walls, roofs or other combustible material.
- Small barbecues and hibachis may be placed on tables in the cooking space if a non-combustible thermal barrier is provided between the barbecue and table. This may be a concrete block underneath the barbecue, as long as the entire area of the barbecue is provided with protection underneath.

EXITS:

- All exits shall provide a minimum width of 72".

- For an occupancy load of more than 100 people, exits shall require externally or internally illuminated exit signs.
- Guide wires, guy ropes and other support members shall not cross a means of egress at a height less than 8-feet.
- The exits shall have a minimum separation of 1/2 the diagonal floor dimensions.
- The location of all emergency exiting shall be indicated by the announcer at the beginning of each show.

SPECIAL APPLIANCES:

- Warming appliances/steaming trays, electric and solid fuel types, shall be located inside tents. They will be monitored by the event organizers, the County Health Department and CAL FIRE/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. The intent is that food preparation will occur within the tent.
- Deep-fat fryers and other unique appliances for cooking and holding of food until served will be reviewed by CAL FIRE/Pismo Beach Fire Department and are only approved on a case-by-case basis. A K Class extinguisher within the tent is required.
- If the appliances used would require food preparation to occur outside, the Fire Marshal may evaluate the heat potential of the appliance and approve its use within the tent.

CONTACT LIST:

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