



Mobile Food Unit Guidelines and Requirements

This guide ensures your mobile food unit is compliant with the Anna Fire Marshal's Office safety regulations. It also serves as an initial planning tool for compliance and does not remove owner responsibility to comply with all applicable laws and codes related to mobile food units. Questions related to mobile food unit requirements can be directed to the Anna Fire Marshal's Office (Fire Prevention Division) at (214) 831-5342 or by emailing firecad@annatexas.gov

REQUIRED FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

- A Type I hood ***shall be installed*** above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes producing grease vapors. A Type I hood system ***shall be equipped with an automatic fire extinguishing system***. The fire extinguishing system shall have a current inspection/service tag from a licensed fire extinguisher company.
- Examples of cooking appliances that require a Type I Hood with and automatic fire extinguishing system include but are not limited to griddles, fryers, tilted skillets or woks, braising or frying pans, and char broilers.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- All vendors are required to have at least one (1) fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C with a current inspection/service tag from a licensed fire extinguisher company. The fire extinguisher shall be visible and unobstructed.
- Cooking equipment involving vegetable or animal oils and fats shall be protected by a Class K rated portable extinguisher. The fire extinguisher shall have a current inspection/service tag from a licensed fire extinguisher company.

COMPRESSED GAS/LPG

- Cylinders shall be properly secured by one or more restraints
- Minimum of 10-foot clearance from any trash or combustible materials
- Cylinders shall not be kept in passenger area of vehicle
- Cylinders shall be kept away from open flames, generators, or other sources of ignition

GENERATORS

- Portable generators shall be located no less than 25 feet from combustibles or public areas
- Refueling shall not be conducted while event is open to the public and operating
- Generators shall be in safe working condition according to manufacturer's requirements



ELECTRICAL/EXTENSION CORDS

- Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be a substitute for permanent wiring
- Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures, extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings, nor shall such cords be subject to environmental damage or physical impact
- Extension cords shall be used only with portable appliances
- Extension cords shall be properly rated for use according to manufacturer's requirements

VEHICLE/TRAILER LOCATION

- Placement of the concession operations shall not interfere with any fire lane, fire break, fire hydrant, or exit access of any structure
- Vehicle/Trailer shall be located to allow for adequate emergency vehicle access

GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

- Accumulation of combustible rubbish shall not produce conditions that will create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health, safety, or welfare
- Clearance between ignition/heat sources and combustible materials shall be maintained in a manner approved by the Fire Marshal or designee
- Only approved containers and portable tanks shall be used for flammable and combustible liquids
- Flammable and combustible liquids shall be separated from combustible materials and ignition/heat sources by at least 10 feet