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Events Management – Food stalls/Booths/Cars

General safety requirements related to food stalls at events

These regulatory requirements apply for stalls/booths that prepare food and/or beverages and may be using gas, electricity or open fires. The application of these requirements is intended for events with a maximum attendance of less than 3000 people. Stricter requirements apply for larger events where public are more dense and where the hazard assessment so justify.

1. No open fires shall be allowed without prior written authorization.
2. All stalls must have fire extinguishers which must be easy accessible in case of fire. Size of fire extinguisher shall be a minimum of 4.5kg Dry Powder fire extinguisher for normal sale stalls, **and/or** a 9Kg Dry Powder fire extinguisher shall be required for stalls where food preparation will be done and where LP Gas and/or oils are to be used. All fire extinguishers shall be serviced to date, the service tag shall be clear. **Note** that the Fire Department will be doing inspection before the event opens and those in non-compliance shall be prevented from trading unless all requirements are met.
3. Food stalls that utilize hot oils or cooking fat shall have a fire blanket installed.
4. If the vendor is using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) as fuel for the heat source, then the following will be applicable:
 - a. The LP gas cylinder must be a minimum of 1 m away from the heat source except when the LP gas cylinder is part of a primers-type stove.
 - b. The LP gas cylinder shall be placed where there is adequate ventilation.
 - c. The LP gas cylinder must be placed in a safe area where no person can tamper with the LP gas cylinder. No public is allowed within 5 m of the LP gas cylinder. No Smoking rule applies as well to the same distance.
 - d. If the LP Gas cylinder is to be placed where there is no supervision, then the control valve system of the LP Gas cylinder must be secured in such a manner that no one has access to it.
 - e. No ignition sources shall be allowed within 5 m from the LP gas cylinder.
5. If the vendor is using electricity as fuel for the heat source, then the following will be applicable:
 - a. All electrical cabling shall be undamaged and no joints through the length of the cable.
 - b. If the extension cable is to be placed where there is public movement, the cable shall be protected by either placing it in a shallow trench or covering it with non-combustible material in order to prevent a fall injury.

- c. Plugs shall be placed on a rigid, dry surface away from combustible materials. Preferably at a safe place where it cannot cause a fall or other injury hazard.
- d. The extension cable shall be of the correct rating for the intended purpose. The amp rating must be visible.
- e. No extension cable or other electrical cable shall be allowed to be positioned in the air or hanged from posts, unless prior written approval was granted by the Fire Department, and a certificate from the electrician is on site.

6. If the vendor is using open fire/s as fuel for the heat source, then the following will be applicable:

- a. Braai's or other flame emitting devices shall be a minimum of 3 meters away from any combustible materials, especially tents or gazebo's.
- b. The open fires shall be within an enclosed area whereby the fire may not spread from.
- c. No open fires shall be left unattended at any time.
- d. Open fires shall be placed away from contact with public.

7. Tent / Gazebo Safety

All tents and gazebo's shall be anchored securely before the final inspection.

Exposed anchor cabling and anchor pins that are likely to cause tripping shall be clearly marked to be visible under any conditions. It is preferred that sharp edged anchor pins be covered in full to prevent injury.

Anchor cabling or ropes that may cause injury shall also be marked in such a way as to be clearly observable.