

Fire and Safety Exhibit Guidelines

- For outdoor structure Information please see [Outdoor Exhibits](#).
- All means of entrance and exit must be free from obstruction at all times.
- Each hard wall booth must be a minimum of nine (9) inches from the booth line for access to electrical.
- No storage of any kind is allowed behind booths or near electrical service. A one-day supply of product is permitted within but cannot be stored behind the booth.
- All fire extinguishers and emergency exits must be visible and accessible at all times. Should this equipment be within a booth or exhibit due to the layout of floor space, additional signage indicating fire equipment location(s) (extinguisher, hoses, etc.) will be necessary, along with accessibility being maintained at all times.
- Exhibit booth construction shall meet the requirements. The upper deck of multilevel exhibits that is greater than 300 square feet (28 sq. m) will need at least two (2) remote means of egress. The upper deck, if occupied, must have a live load capacity of 100 lbs. per square foot. All materials used in exhibit construction, decoration or as a temporary cover must be certified as flame retardant, or a sample must be available for testing. Materials that cannot be treated to meet the requirements may not be used.
- Construction and demolition of multilevel booths and exhibits require compliance with OSHA fall protection regulations for general industry requirements.
- All electrical wiring must be installed per National Electrical Code® (NEC) standards.
- Use of halogen fixtures must comply with our halogen lamp restrictions.
- Vehicles on display:
 - Fuel tank openings shall be locked or sealed in an approved manner to prevent escape of vapors; fuel is limited to one-quarter its tank or five gallons of fuel, whichever is less.
 - At least one battery cable shall be removed from the batteries used to start the vehicle engine, and the disconnected battery cable shall then be taped. Batteries required to demonstrate auxiliary equipment shall be permitted to be kept in service.
 - Auxiliary batteries not connected to engine starting system may be left connected.
 - Electric and hybrid vehicles shall have their operating batteries disconnected whenever possible.
 - External chargers or batteries are recommended for demonstration purposes.
 - No battery charging is permitted inside the building.
 - Combustible/flammable materials must not be stored beneath display vehicles.
 - Fueling or de-fueling of vehicles is prohibited.
 - Vehicles shall not be moved during show hours.
 - 36" of clear access or aisles must be maintained around the vehicle.
 - Vehicles must be a minimum of 20 feet from exit of door or exit pathway.
 - There shall be no leaks underneath vehicles.
- Model/modular home displays in trade shows must be reviewed with the convention services manager (CSM). In addition, a floor plan of the model/modular home must be submitted to the Safety and Fire Prevention Office.
- Vehicles in the building for loading or unloading must not be left with engine idling.
- Except for equipment that uses LPG (propane) or natural gas as fuel, compressed gas cylinders, including LPG (propane), and all flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited inside the building. Any other exceptions require prior approval by the CSM and the Safety and Fire Prevention Office. Overnight storage of LPG (propane), natural gas as fuel or compressed gas cylinders is prohibited in the building. The following regulations apply to the use of LPG inside and outside the facility. Any use of LPG (propane) on property must be approved prior to arrival by the Safety and Fire Prevention Office.

- When approved, LPG (propane) containers having a maximum water capacity of 12 lb. [nominal 5 lb. LP-Gas capacity] may be permitted temporarily inside the convention facility for public exhibitions or demonstrations. If more than one such container is in an area, the containers shall be separated by at least 20 feet.
- Any exception to the first two requirements above must be submitted for review and approval by the Safety and Fire Prevention Office and the CSM.
- All LPG (propane) containers must be separated and inaccessible to the public. Cooking and food warming devices within exhibit booths shall be isolated from the public by not less than 48 inches (1220mm) or by a barrier between the devices and the public.
- The after-hours, overnight storage of any LPG (propane) container inside the convention facility is strictly prohibited. Containers must be removed at the end of each day and can be delivered back to the show floor upon the arrival of exhibit staff in the morning.
- Propane cylinders awaiting use should be stored in a secured propane storage cage that meets the requirements of OSHA. Storage cages must be secured in designated locations outside of the building.
- No dispensing from or refilling of LPG (propane) containers will be permitted inside of the convention facility.
- Use of LPG (propane) outdoors must be approved by the Safety and Fire Prevention Office and the CSM prior to arrival on property. No outside LPG (propane) will be permitted in any areas where building exits discharge or fire department access is required.
- When requested, areas enclosed by solid walls and ceilings must be provided with approved smoke detectors which are audible outside the area of the booth. A fire watch may be required. (See [Multilevel and/or Covered Exhibits](#) for more information.)
- The travel distance within the exhibit booth or exhibit enclosure to an exit access aisle shall not exceed 50 feet.
- A one-day supply of giveaway disposable lighters may be kept in the booth.
- Exhibitors who plan to demonstrate fuel-burning appliances on property must have approval from the CSM thirty (30) days prior to the event.
- Fireplaces must be listed as ventless or self-venting for indoor use in order to obtain approval for use inside the facility.
- Only enclosed fireplaces will be approved for use, meaning the fireplace must be enclosed with a glass front, or a protective heat/contact barrier must be installed to prevent combustible exposure or attendee contact.
- Screen-front fireplaces will not be approved for use.
- Exhibit design directly around the fireplace and installation of the fireplace must meet the requirement/code for permanent fireplace installation. Distances from exposure to combustibles must meet the requirements for permanent installations.
- Candles may be used for decorative purposes for events with food service (one candle per table) where the candles are supported by/on substantial noncombustible bases so located as to avoid danger of ignition of combustible materials. Candle flames shall be protected and enclosed so that if the candle were to tip over, there would be no risk of fire. The Safety and Fire Prevention Office has final approval to determine if a candle meets the above criteria. Candles may not be left unattended while lit.
- If your booth is demonstrating, sampling or using a hookah, the following items are required:
 - Keep a 5lb ABC (2A:30BC) fire extinguisher at the booth. The fire extinguisher must have a current inspection tag. Extinguishers may be obtained from the show or a local company.
 - A metal (non-combustible) bucket for hot coals.
 - The hookah must be placed on a stable, non-combustible surface (table, stand, stool, etc.). The hookah cannot be placed directly on a carpeted surface.
 - Keep all combustible materials (boxes, plastics, etc.) a minimum of three (3) feet away from the hookah.