



Mobile Food Unit Guidelines



This guide is to help ensure your mobile food unit is compliant with the Denton Fire Department's current safety regulations. This guide should serve as an initial planning tool for compliance. It does not remove the responsibility of the owner to comply with all laws applicable to the mobile food unit. Questions related to mobile food unit requirements can be directed to the Fire Prevention Section at (940) 349-8863.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- All vendors are required to have at least one 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.

FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS

- A Type I hood shall be installed at or above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produce 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 Fire Extinguishing System are: Including but not limited to Griddles, fryers, tilted skillet or woks, braising or frying pans, char broilers

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 when event is open and operating.
- Generator 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

- The placement of the concession operation shall not interfere with any fire lane, fire break, fire hydrant or exit access of any structures.
- 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 an *approved* manner.
- 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.