



# 2024 Lorain County Fair Fire Safety Inspection Guidelines

To ensure a safe and orderly event, vendors will be required to abide by the following regulations, as set forth in the Ohio Fire Code. All tents, trailers, exhibits, and barns will be inspected on Monday between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. *If violations are found, you will have until Tuesday at 12:00 pm to correct all violations. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. If violations are not corrected by that time, the exhibit will be closed until compliance is met.* The following regulations are those that are most often a concern for exhibitors at the fair.

## **General**

Any vendor/exhibitor that is using an **extension cord** must ensure that the cord is no smaller than **16/3 gauge**. Also, inspectors will check that the ground plug is not missing.

Any vendor/exhibitor that is using a **multi-plug adapter** not provided by the Lorain County Fair Board must ensure that the adapter has a thermal protection / overload switch for protection.

Any vendor/exhibitor that is using a **clamp-style light** must also secure the light with a wire tie, wire, or some other approved manner, to ensure that the light cannot fall. Additionally, lights must be clear of combustible materials.

**ALL fire extinguishers** must have proof the extinguisher has been checked by a licensed technician OR have a receipt proving the item was purchased within the last twelve months. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## ***Tents, Canopy's & Trailers***

**ALL tents and food vendors** must have at least a **2A:10BC** fire extinguisher that is properly tagged. The important component is the **2A** rating. Any vendor/exhibitor that is required to have a **fire extinguisher** must have proof the extinguisher has been checked by a licensed technician OR have a receipt proving the item was purchased within the last twelve months. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

***OUTDOOR COOKING THAT PRODUCES SPARKS OR GREASE LADEN VAPORS SHALL NOT BE PERFORMED WITHIN 20 FEET OF A TENT OR MEMBRANE.***

## ***Mobile Food Units***

**All mobile food units must comply with the Ohio Fire Code's "Technical Bulletin #19-001" which was published in January 2019.**

All mobile food units must have at least one (1) listed carbon monoxide detection device.

All mobile food units are required to have at least one (1) 2A:10BC portable fire extinguisher.

Any mobile food unit that utilizes cooking equipment involving solid fuels or vegetable or animal oils and fats must **ALSO** have at least one **CLASS K** rated portable fire extinguisher. **This is in addition to the 2A:10BC extinguisher.**

All mobile food units must have **"NO SMOKING"** signs conspicuously posted inside the vehicle. All mobile food units must also have **"NO SMOKING"** signs outside the unit in the vicinity of compressed gas storage.

All mobile food units that use LP-Gas must have marked exterior emergency shut-off controls. The controls must be readily distinguishable and accessible and must have a quarter-turn manual gas ball valve.

Emergency shut-off controls must be signed and permanently mounted at the location of the controls and must state: **"EMERGENCY GAS SHUT-OFF VALVE."**

*For further information, please contact Assistant Chief Pitts at 440-647-2245; or [wfdpitts@gmail.com](mailto:wfdpitts@gmail.com)*

***EVERY FOOD TRAILER AND EVERY TENT SHALL  
HAVE A MINIMUM OF A:***

***2A:10BC FIRE EXTINGUISHER***

***A***

***CLASS K EXTINGUISHER***

***IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR ANY VENDOR COOKING WITH  
SOLID FUELS OR VEGTABLE OIL***

***ALL PROPANE CYLINDERS SHALL BE SECURED  
WITH NON-COMBUSTIBLE STRAPS  
ABSOLUTELY NO RACHET STRAPS***

***RE-INSPECTIONS WILL START TUESDAY  
MORNING AT 10:00 AM***

***IF COMPLIANCE IS NOT MET YOU WILL BE SHUT  
DOWN UNTIL COMPLIANCE IS MET***