FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

A. Inherently Fire Retardant or Flame Retardant Treatment

1. All decorations, drapes, signs, banners, plastic displays, hay, straw, moss, split bamboo and other similar materials MUST BE FLAME RETARDANT to the satisfaction of the Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal.
2. Table coverings must be flame retardant treated unless they lay flat, with an overhang no greater than 6".
3. Oilcloth, tar paper, sisal paper, nylon, orlon and certain other plastic materials cannot be made flame retardant and their use is prohibited.
4. A Certificate of Flame Resistance shall be available for review by the Fire Marshal or on file with the Fire Marshal for all decorative materials.

B. Vehicles/Internal Combustion Engines on Display

1. Any autos, trucks, motorcycles or other motorized vehicles displayed shall have their batteries disconnected and terminals taped.
2. All motor vehicle tanks containing fuel or which have ever contained fuel, shall be furnished with locking-type gas caps or sealed with tape. The level of gas in tanks cannot exceed five gallons or one-quarter tank, whichever is less.
3. Garden tractors, chain saws, power plants and other gasoline-powered equipment shall be safeguarded in a similar manner.
4. All autos, trucks and vehicles of any kind must show the location on the Fire Department-approved floor plan 14 days prior to the show date.

C. Combustibles

1. Literature on display shall be limited to reasonable quantities. Reserve supplies shall be kept in closed containers and stored in a neat and compact manner.
2. No cardboard boxes or any combustible materials may be stored on top of or near any electrical wiring in the spaces behind the backwall drapery (booth) or behind any display.

D. Obstructions

1. Aisles designated on approved show floor plans shall be kept clean, clear and free of obstructions. Booth constructions shall be substantial and fixed into position in specified areas for the duration of the show. Chairs, easels, signs and demonstration areas shall not be placed beyond booth areas into aisles.
2. All aisles must be maintained at a minimum of 10 feet in width or unless otherwise approved on floor plan.
3. All fire prevention and fire fighting equipment in all public assembly areas shall have easy and unobstructed accessibility.

E. Electrical Extension Cords and Multi-Plug Adapters

1. Extension cords shall service one appliance only and shall be a three-wire approved type (with ground). The extension cord cannot exceed the capacity of the existing circuit breaker and cannot exceed fifteen amps.
2. Multi-plug adapters must be UL approved and have current (electricity) breaker overload safety device. Cube adapters and other devices which increase outlets are not acceptable unless equipped with an internal circuit breaker.
3. All spliced wires are illegal.

F. Compressed Cylinders

1. Compressed cylinders must be attached to a stand if used upright or laid flat on floor.
2. Compressed flammable gases are prohibited inside a building. This includes acetylene, hydrogen, propane, butane and L.P.G.

G. Cooking and Warming Devices

Cooking and warming devices shall be electric. Sterno may be used for warming trays. Cooking devices shall be approved by a recognized testing laboratory; e.g., U.L., F.M.

1. Cooking, warming devices, and/or heated products shall be isolated from the public by either placing the device a minimum of four feet back from the front of the booth or provide a plexiglass shield 18 inches high, 1/4 inch thick across the front, and down both sides of the demonstration area.

H. Heat producing Equipment

1. Welding, soldering, or any open flame devices are prohibited.
2. Refer to SEC. F-2 above

Should there be any questions regarding the above listed minimum Fire Department Regulations or any other items that need clarification, please do not hesitate to give the Fire Department a call or address a letter to:

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