

## General Fire Code Regulations

The Fort Lauderdale Fire Department mandates a strict adherence to the NFPA Safety Code.

The decision of the Fire Marshal of the City of Fort Lauderdale is final.

1. Licensees, show management, exhibitors, and all other parties comply with all Federal, State, Municipal, and Center mandated fire codes which apply to the public assembly facilities.
2. The following materials are prohibited without written consent of Center: electrical cooking equipment; open flame devices; welding, cutting, or brazing equipment; ammunition; radioactive devices; pressure vessels; exhibits involving hazardous processing and materials; fireworks or pyrotechnics; blasting agents/explosives; flammable cryogenic gasses; aerosol cans with flammable propellants; gas operated cooking equipment; portable heating equipment.
3. The Center may request in writing: specifications, descriptions, etc. of any and all equipment, processes, operations, etc. from Licensee, service contractor, exhibitors, etc. and reserves the right to submit such information to the Fire Department for approval.
4. Exterior exhibit hall doors and loading dock doors are not to be propped open. Automatic closing devices are not to be tampered with.
5. A fire watch is mandatory when smoke and/or hazardous machines are used inside.

### **Storage:**

1. Crate storage is prohibited in the Center without the prior written approval of the Center Management. Crate storage is the responsibility of the Licensee.
2. Crates stored in the interior storage rooms may not be stacked higher than within three (3) feet of sprinkler heads and a ten (10) foot radius must be maintained around all access/egress doors. Crates may not be stored in any occupied hall/room.
3. Exit signage, fire extinguisher, fire alarms, pull stations, and related firefighting equipment may not be hidden, obstructed, or blocked.
4. All emergency exits, hallways, and aisles are to be kept clear and unobstructed.

### **Flame Test:**

1. All bunting, table coverings, drapes, signs, banners, and like materials must be flame resistant and are subject to inspection and flame testing by Fire Marshal. **Materials that cannot be treated with flame retardant shall not be used.**
2. Flame retardant materials shall not ignite and spread over the surface when exposed to open flame.
3. Compressed flammable gas, flammable or combustive liquids, hazardous chemicals, or materials; and Class II or greater laser, blasting agents, and explosives shall be prohibited within exhibit halls.

4. Liquid propane is not permitted inside the facility except when used as fuel to propel a vehicle into the facility. In this case, the tanks must be removed immediately after placement.
5. Oil cloth, tarpaper, nylon, plastic cloths, and certain other plastic materials cannot be made flame retardant and their use is prohibited.
6. All electrical equipment must conform to the National Electrical Code and be UL approved.

**Vehicles:**

1. Vehicles displayed inside must have the battery cables disconnected. Gas tanks must be taped shut or have a lockable gas cap and may contain no more than a quarter tank of fuel.
2. At no time during show hours are vehicles to be moved.
3. Any vehicles, material, equipment, etc. in fire lanes or blocking exits, etc. will be removed at Licensee's expense.

**Open Flame Devices:**

1. Cooking and/or warming devices shall be isolated from the public. Place the device a minimum of four (4) feet back from the booth or provide a barrier between the cooking/warming device and public.
2. Individual cooking/warming devices shall not exceed 228" surface area.
3. A minimum of two (2) feet shall be kept between cooking devices.
4. The surface which holds the cooking device shall be of non-combustible material.
5. Combustible materials shall be kept two (2) feet away from cooking device.
6. An extinguisher and lid or approved automatic extinguishing system shall be required of any booth utilizing cooking or warming devices.