

SPECIAL EVENT REQUIREMENTS

A Fire Prevention Inspector will do a site check prior to your Special Event. All of these items adhere to the LACoFD Code of Regulations Chapter 31

Items that they will be looking for will be:

2. Tents open on all sides, which comply with all of the following:

2.1. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet (65 m²) (or 7-10'x10' tents in a row with a 12' gap.)

2.2. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of not less than 12 feet (3658 mm) shall not exceed 700 square feet (65 m²) total.

2.3. A minimum clearance of 12 feet (3658 mm) to structures and other tents shall be provided.

3106.3 Occupancy and means of egress. The number and location of emergency egress and escape routes shall be approved by the fire code official. (The inspector that does the site check will confirm adequate for your visitors.)

3106.3.1 Occupant load. The fire code official shall establish an occupant load for the event site.

3106.3.2 Maintenance of emergency egress and escape routes. Emergency egress and escape routes shall be maintained at all times.

There must be a 20' minimum drive space around the event for emergency vehicle access.

3106.4.4 Portable fire extinguishers. Approved portable fire extinguishers complying with Section 906 shall be provided and placed in locations approved by the fire code official.

3106.4.5 Smoking. Smoking shall be permitted only in designated areas. Other areas shall have approved "No Smoking" signs conspicuously posted and maintained in accordance with Section 310. [California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1, §316]

Smoking Prohibited. Smoking is not permitted in any tent and in any adjacent areas where hay or other highly flammable materials are kept. "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted in all tents open to the public and wherever otherwise specified by the enforcing authority.

3106.5 Cooking appliances or devices. Outdoor assembly events with concession stands or booths using cooking appliances or devices shall comply with Sections 3106.5.1 through 3106.5.3.

3106.5.1 Separation from tents or structures. Cooking appliances or devices that produce sparks or grease-laden vapors or flying embers (firebrands) shall not be used within 20 feet (6096 mm) of a tent or temporary structure.

Exceptions:

1. Designated cooking tents not occupied by the public when approved by the fire code official.
2. Tents or structures where cooking appliances are protected with an automatic fire-extinguishing system in accordance with Section 904.12.

3106.5.2 Protection. Cooking equipment using combustible oils or solids shall meet the following:

1. A noncombustible lid shall be immediately available. The lid shall be of sufficient size to cover the cooking well completely.
2. The equipment shall be placed on a noncombustible surface.
3. An approved portable fire extinguisher for protection from cooking grease fires shall be provided at a location approved by the fire code official.

3106.5.3 Liquefied petroleum gas (LP-gas). The use of liquefied petroleum gas (LP-gas) shall be in accordance with Chapter 61.

3106.6 Electrical equipment and wiring. Outdoor assembly events with concession stands or booths using electrical equipment and temporary wiring for electrical power or lighting shall comply with the applicable provisions of the California Electrical Code and Sections 3106.6.1 through 3106.6.3.

3106.6.1 Outdoor use. Electrical equipment and wiring shall be listed and labeled for outdoor use.

3106.6.2 Generators. Generators shall be installed not less than 10 feet (3048 mm) from combustible materials, and shall be isolated from the public by physical guard, fence or enclosure installed not less than 3 feet (914 mm) away from the internal combustion power source.

3106.6.3 Portable fire extinguishers. Each generator shall be provided with an approved portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906.

3107.14 Flammable and combustible liquids. The storage of flammable and combustible liquids and the use of flammable-liquid-fueled equipment shall be in accordance with Sections 3107.14.1 through 3107.14.3.

3107.14.1 Use. Flammable-liquid-fueled equipment shall not be used in tents or membrane structures.

3107.14.2 Flammable and combustible liquid storage. Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from tents or membrane structures. Storage shall be in accordance with Chapter 57. (No plastic fuel cans for generator refueling.)

3107.14.3 Refueling. Refueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) from tents or membrane structures.

3107.15.3 Location. The location of vehicles or equipment shall not obstruct means of egress.

3107.16 Separation of generators. Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents or membrane structures by not less than 20 feet (6096 mm) and shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or other approved means. (All generators must be grounded. Your generator provider should do this upon installation.)