

Fire Regulations Pertaining to Show cooking at the Oncenter Complex

1. Cooking and or warming devices that produce grease laden vapors shall be electric. Sterno may be used for warming trays when approved by the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. Extra fuel containers awaiting use shall not be stored in booths or display areas. Storage areas will be predetermined by the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. Fire Extinguishers required for any exhibitor using sterno or open flame.



2. All cooking devices shall be approved or listed by a recognized testing laboratory, (i.e., U.L., F.M). A. Cooking, warming devices and/or heated products shall be isolated from the public by either placing the device a minimum of four (4) ft. back from the front of the booth or providing a plexiglass shield between the cooking and/or warming device and the public. The use of a 30" table in front of device sees pictures below. When aisle space won't permit a table to be placed in front the Oncenter Complex will provide a 4x30 table for behind the front table.



Arrow showing where a 4x30 table can be placed



Acceptable distance 30" table in front



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Not acceptable distance. These heating units are too close to public on the sides.



Acceptable plexiglass blocker

B. Individual cooking and/or warming devices shall not exceed 288 sq. inches of surface area. C. The table surface holding the cooking and/or warming device (s) shall be of non-combustible material. D. Combustible materials shall be kept a minimum of three (3) ft. away from any cooking and/or warming device. E. A portable dry chemical fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 10 ABC and a lid for each device or an approved automatic extinguishing system shall be provided with any booth utilizing cooking and/or warming devices. When deep fat fryers are used, a type K fire extinguisher shall be located within the booth

3. The use of solid fueled (charcoal) and gas fueled (L.P.G. or natural gas) grills is strictly prohibited within the structures of the Oncenter Complex.

4. Inspections will be conducted during the course of move-in and or tear down. A preopening inspection shall be conducted. Spot inspections may be conducted during the course of the trade show or exhibition by a representative of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. Full inspection will be conducted 2hrs prior to show opening vendor to be present at booth and all items available to for inspector to review.

See following pages for more regulations pertaining to your

General Requirements:

1. All decorations including but not limited to: drapes, signs, banners, acoustical materials, cotton, hay, paper, straw, moss, split bamboo, wood chips, and flame retardant foam core shall be rendered flame retardant to the satisfaction of the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

Proof of satisfactory flame retardant treatment shall include a field flame test and or flame retardant certification.

Field flame test: Flame retardant material shall not ignite and allow flame to spread over the surface when exposed to an open flame. (When a match is held to the materials for five (5) seconds and it burns continuously after the match is removed it is not flame retardant.)

2. Oil cloth, tar paper, nylon, plastic cloths, and certain other plastic materials that cannot be made flame retardant are prohibited for use at the Oncenter Complex.

3. Tents will be allowed to be set up in pre-approved areas of the Oncenter Complex under the following conditions:

A. Tent size shall be limited in size to 10' X 12'

B. All tents shall have battery-operated smoke detectors installed.

C. All tents shall be of a flame retardant material (proof required).

D. Tents shall not block exits or aisles and shall not pose a trip hazard.

E. A tent permit must be filed with the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

4. Exhibit booths shall be constructed of non-combustible or limited combustible material*. Pressure-treated fire retardant wood shall meet the requirements of the Oncenter Complex and Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. *For more Definition please see the Oncenter Complex

5. The use of open flame lanterns, candles, and incense is strictly prohibited. Special events such as religious services that may require use of candles and or incense may be permitted if approved by the Oncenter Complex management and the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

6. The use of portable halogen lighting is prohibited.

7. No combustible or flammable liquids or gases shall be used or admitted inside the building except for demonstration purposes only, when approved in writing by the Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. Butane containers shall not exceed a water capacity of 2.5 pounds (1-pound L.P. gas capacity). The use of larger containers may be allowed for special circumstances at the discretion of Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management. Where more than one such container is present in the same room, each container shall be separated from other containers by a distance of not less than twenty (20) feet. Extra fuel containers awaiting use shall not be stored in booths or display areas. Storage areas will be predetermined by Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.

8. Hazardous chemicals and materials are prohibited inside the building (pesticides, herbicides, poison, etc.)

9. Combustible materials, i.e., crates and boxes, shall be stored outside the building in an approved area or in a storeroom having a fire resistance rating of at least two (2) hours. Exception to this requirement will be only for road boxes used in theatrical performances.

Saw dust, wood shavings, hay, straw, and bedding material that may be required for use by circuses or other similar events, shall be stored, and maintained in a manner approved Onondaga County Department of Emergency Management.