

Booth Fire Prevention Checklist

All booths must meet the following Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau regulations. A fire marshal will inspect your booth the morning of the fair. Booths not in compliance must be dismantled and removed from the fair. No refund of space fees will be given.

- All tents and canopies** must have a “certificate of flammability” for the vendor to show upon request. No exceptions. This may be sewn into the canopy fabric. If not on the canopy, the flammability rating may be printed on the storage box, warranty, or set-up instruction sheet. Certificates are also available on request from the manufacturers. Contact them through their websites.
- Wood or PVC Framing** may be used for booth framing, but if covered, the cover must have a certificate of flammability.
- A **No Smoking sign** must be posted in or on your booth.
- Decorative material and booth sidewalls** must be non-flammable. Plastic tarps do not meet requirements. Fabric table covers must be treated with flame retardant and not hang closer than 3 inches to the ground.
- Combustible materials** like hay and straw cannot be within 30 feet of tents or canopies.
- Waste containers** must be metal and have a lid. Any vendor that produces flammable waste must have a metal waste container.
- An **unobstructed exit** from your booth must be a minimum of two feet if you are the only person allowed inside the booth, and four feet if the public is allowed inside.
- A **2A-10BC fire extinguisher** is required for each booth, except **food booths, which are required to have a Type K extinguisher.**
- Electrical cords** and similar trip hazards shall be sandwiched between boards, taped down, or have a rug overtop.
- Power cords** must meet the following ratings. Ratings are stamped into the cord. Cords may not exceed 50 feet.
 - 25 ft. – rated 14.
 - 50 ft. – rated 10, 12, or 14.
- Portable generators** must be a minimum of 20 ft. from any tent or canopy and protected by fencing.
- Cooking** that produces grease-laden vapors shall be done under an approved hood and duct with an approved suppression system. Other cooking (gas or charcoal grill) must be 10 ft. from exits or combustible materials. If cooking produces sparks or grease-laden vapors, it must be 20 ft from any tent, canopy, or building. Compressed gas cylinders shall be secured to prevent falling.
- Vendor automobiles** **MUST** be removed from the street fair area to designated parking lots before the fair opens to the public, as **no gas-powered vehicle is allowed within 20 ft. of a canopy.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: The above requirements of the Pierce County Fire Prevention Bureau are mandated by law. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our community fair safe.