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Food Truck Inspection Guide

Please use this as a guide to get your food truck ready for a fire inspection. Understand that this is only a guide and there may be additional items within your business that need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Anything out of compliance should be corrected immediately. The items listed may not apply to all food trucks inspected.

Type I Hood System:

- Shall be installed by a professional contractor.
- Required when prepping/cooking any foods that will produce grease vapors (i.e. cooking raw meat).
- Shall be properly inspected and maintained.
- Shall be professionally cleaned by a third-party company on a basis of not less than every six months. (Depending on usage, higher frequency may be required)

Fire Extinguishers:

- All food trucks are required to have a fire extinguisher no smaller than 2A10BC in size.
- Food trucks that require a Type I Hood System shall have a Class K extinguisher as well.
- All fire extinguishers shall be inspected annually by a third-party company.

Means of Egress:

- Shall be clear and unobstructed at all times.

Electrical Hazards:

- All devices, with the exception of appliances, should be plugged directly into a wall outlet or a surge protector.
- Appliances shall always be plugged directly into the wall outlets and not into extension cords or surge protectors, as they could overload/overheat the device.

Propane (Where Applicable):

- Shall be installed in such a way where the tank(s) are secured and there is no tipping hazard.
- Hoses used shall be of commercial grade and have a rating for 350psi.
- Shall have an automatic shutoff tied into the Type I Hood System (if applicable).

Parking/Staging

- The food truck shall be a minimum of 10ft from all buildings, structures, vehicles, and any other combustible materials.

Generators (Where Applicable):

- If affixed to the food truck, the generator shall be securely installed and not pose a tipping hazard.
- Position the exhaust, whether the generator is affixed to the truck or not, in a manner where the exhaust points away from the entrance to the trailer as well as away from any gathering people.
- Refueling of generators shall be done in a safe and appropriate manner.