

## GENERAL FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR WSCC

Any vertical decorative material added to approved decorator pipe and drape must be accompanied with a flame certificate which shall be readily available on site. The flame certificate must indicate that the decorative material for which it is intended meets one of the following three criteria – NFPA 701, California State Fire Marshal approved, or CPAI 84.

All decorations, drapes, signs, banners, plastic displays, hay, split bamboo, combustibles, etc. **must be flame-retardant**. Table coverings with overhang greater than 6" must also be flame-retardant. Items that require treatment with a flame-retardant product will be subject to a flame test prior to or during show hours. Wood panels greater than 1/4" original thickness are considered flame-resistant.

The use of oilcloth, tarpaper, sisal paper, nylon, Orlon, and certain synthetic materials cannot be made flame resistant, and **their use is strictly prohibited**.

Special Effects permits are required for indoor fireworks, etc. Each of these effects will be subject to extensive review and will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Permits are not required to use smoke machines or lasers. Smoke machine usage must be communicated to the Fire Marshal and Event Coordinator in case it becomes necessary to authorize deactivation of smoke sensors.

Displayed vehicles must be indicated on submitted floor plans and are subject to the following restrictions:

Fuel in tanks is limited to a maximum of ¼ tank or five (5) gallons. Diesel fuel tanks are limited to a maximum of ¼ tank. **Vehicles with no or non-functioning fuel gauges will not be allowed in public assembly areas without prior approval by the Fire Marshal.**

Battery cables must be disconnected, with the cable ends taped over to prevent sparking.

Fuel tank fill caps must either be lockable or taped shut.

Visqueen should protect the flooring.

Deep fat fryers can be used under the following conditions without prior approval or permit:

Maximum capacity 1 gallon.

Fire extinguisher readily available in the booth with a minimum UL rating of [Class "K".]

A metal cover capable of covering the deep fat fryer shall be readily available in the booth.

NOTE: Deep fat fryers with a capacity of more than 1 gallon require advance approval from the Fire Marshal.

Candles may only be used in public assembly areas if done under permit for Open Flame, and only within an approved container (specific conditions apply). Sterno does not require a permit.

LPG (Propane) and CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) are prohibited in the WSCC. Exception: 8 oz. butane canisters, which are used in conjunction with tabletop burners. Each exhibit booth is limited to one 8-oz. canister. If additional canisters are needed, they must be stored outside the building in an area that is acceptable to the Fire Department and the WSCTC.

Combustible storage is not allowed on the event floor. Combustible storage is specifically prohibited in dead areas, behind booth drapes or in unsold areas. Empty cardboard boxes intended for repackaging must be removed from the event floor. Booth storage of literature/brochures is limited to full boxes that can be easily stored under tables in the booth.

Helium, Nitrogen, Oxygen and Nitrous oxide tanks are allowed on the event floor with prior approval by the Fire Marshal. Tanks must be properly labeled for contents and firmly secured in the upright position, with valves protected against damage. Nitrous oxide and Oxygen tanks over 250 cubic feet are prohibited. Oxidizing gases (Oxygen or Nitrous oxide) in amounts in excess of 503 cubic feet may only be used in public assembly areas under permit for Hazardous Materials.