

Fire Safety Requirements and Tips 2017

Maryland State Fair

Cow Palace, Swine Barns, and Horse Stables

- A **24-hour fire watch** shall be maintained in all three areas. Security guards shall walk the buildings throughout checking for fire safety hazards on a minimum of an hourly basis. A log shall be maintained in each separate area detailing the time and condition of the building and signed by the guard that completed the safety walk.
- A log of all those staying in these buildings with contact information (emergency contact and phone numbers) should be made available to the Fire Department and the Fairground Safety/Security Director for ease of communication during an emergency or lost child event.
- Fire exit doors shall not be blocked/obstructed by the show exhibitor at any time.
- Show exhibitors shall use an approved UL or FM certified power strips in place of extension cords. No daisy chaining of these devices is allowed. **Extension cords are prohibited.**
- Take note of the closest exits in the event of an emergency, evacuate the building promptly.
- Always have two ways out of every area.
- No smoking is allowed at any time in any building or outside those immediate areas.
- No smoking signs shall be placed/posted throughout all three buildings in plain view.
- **2A-10BC** fire extinguishers shall be placed throughout all three buildings and available within every **75'** of foot travel. Adults should be familiar/ comfortable with their proper use.
- The use and/or storage of any cooking devices is **prohibited** at any time. This includes grills (electric/ propane/ or charcoal), hot plates, crock pots, warming plates etc.
- There shall be **NO COOKING** allowed at any time except in the approved kitchens located on fair grounds property.
- No pop up tents shall be used for sleeping or any other use.
- Portable generators are prohibited in any building, if used they **shall be at least 15' from the building**. If used at the Cow Palace they shall be located off the loading dock and on the ground
- Designated Emergency Assembly Areas should be adhered to during an emergency for accountability purposes. These should be discussed and agreed upon with Fair Staff prior to opening day.
- One fire drill should be conducted prior to the event.