

Fire Safety Requirements and Tips 2021

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.