

Food Truck Vendor Safety Guidelines:

While this list cannot possibly cover every scenario or type of mobile vending unit, the following guidelines are provided as a tool to ensure all mobile vending units meet the same minimum requirements. While this list may not be all inclusive of every fire safety requirement, it should be used as a guide to ensure your vehicle meets the minimum requirements. Prior to having your unit inspected, please ensure that your mobile vending unit has met these conditions.

Location of Mobile Units:

- Units shall not be closer than 20 feet to any structure.
- All Mobile Units must remain at least 15 feet away from any fire hydrant
- Mobile Units shall not block access to a Fire Department Connection (FDC)
- Mobile Units shall not obstruct any entrances or exits from a structure.
- Exits of mobile units shall not be obstructed.

Electrical:

- Mobile Units shall not use electricity from a nearby structure.
- No excessive use of extension cords.
- Breaker boxes and junction boxes shall have proper cover.
- All wiring must be in conduit.
- Improper use of electrical accessories and overloading of circuits prohibited.

Propane Cylinders:

- A maximum of two – 100 lb propane cylinders are allowed. One is allowed for use and one as a spare. The cylinders cannot be manifolded together.
- Propane cylinders need to be requalified every 12 yrs. A current date of manufacture if new or requalification stamp is required on all cylinders.
- All cooking appliances shall be listed for use with propane
- Piping systems, including fittings and valves shall comply with NFPA 58
- Manual shutoff valves on gas lines are required at the point of use (the appliance) and at the supply.

Propane Cylinder Location:

- Minimum of 10-foot clearance from any trash or combustible material.
- Not kept in passenger area of vehicle.
- Tanks must be secure (NFPA58-5.2.4) and conform with NFPA standards relating to the safe mounting of tanks as described in NFPA 58-6.23.3.3.
 - a. Outside mounted in a semi-enclosed cabinet, with vents at the top and bottom to facilitate the diffusion of vapors, vapor-tight to the interior of the vehicle, with a weather-protected regulator and a leak indicator as described in NFPA 1192—6.4.8.
 - b. Outside mounted, secured on top and bottom and stabilized (e.g. with a strap), vapor-tight to the interior of the vehicle, mounted no less than 28" above the ground with a weather-protected regulator.
 - c. Chassis mounted, according to NFPA 58—6.23.3.4

- The relief valve discharge from the propane cylinder shall not be less than 3 ft measured horizontally along the surface of the vehicle to:
 - a. Openings in the vehicle
 - b. Propane burning appliance intake or exhaust vents
 - c. All internal combustion engine exhaust terminations

Fire Extinguishers:

- Each Mobile Unit will be required to have a proper fire extinguisher inside their vehicle (2A10BC fire extinguisher).
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be mounted in a conspicuous location where it can be located quickly.
- Each fire extinguisher will need to be serviced annually and maintain a current tag confirming its status.
- Mobile units using a deep fryer will be required to have a Class K fire extinguisher in addition to the 2A10BC. This extinguisher must be within 30 feet of the cooking appliance.