

Fire and Safety Regulations

TCF Center mandates a strict adherence to the NFPA Safety Code. The decision of the Fire Marshal is final. Show management, exhibitors, contractors and all other parties are required to comply with all applicable federal and state laws; municipal ordinances; and health, safety and fire ordinances. In particular, the legal requirements outlined in this document.

These items are paraphrased and do not serve to relieve show management or exhibitors of their obligation to inform themselves of the full content of the pertinent statutes. Except as otherwise provided by special rulings from the Detroit Fire Marshal, these are regulations of the Detroit Fire Department:

Aisles & Exits

- The area in front of all buildings and all exits must be maintained free of parking or storage.
- All exits must be maintained and readily accessible and clear at all times.
- Exit signs must always be visible.
- All aisle ways to exits shall be maintained free and clear at all times. Aisle ways to exits shall not be blocked at any time by tables, chairs, equipment, concessions, booths or other obstructions.
- Clear access must be maintained at all times to all TCF Center services (i.e., restrooms, concession stands, utility rooms, wall telephones, etc.)
- Exterior exhibit hall doors and loading dock doors are not to be propped open. Automatic closing devices are not to be tampered with.
- Escalators and passenger elevators are provided for use by the general public and may not be blocked or used to transport equipment or freight.

Activities

- Any and all conditions or activities TCF Center deems unsafe will be terminated immediately upon request. TCF Center will remove disruptive parties as necessary.

Compressed Gasses & Flammable Liquids

- The use of propane, CNG, kerosene, gasoline or any other flammable chemical or materials prohibited.
- Compressed flammable gas, helium tanks, flammable or combustible liquids, hazardous chemicals or materials; and Class II or greater laser, blasting agents, and explosives shall be prohibited within exhibit halls.
- Liquid propane is not permitted inside the facility except when used as fuel to propel a vehicle into the facility - In this case, the tanks must be removed immediately after placement.
- Exhibitors wishing to use, display or store compressed gases must contact Show Management **no later than 60-days out from Event** for approval, written consent from the TCF Center and further instructions.

Electrical

- All electrical equipment must conform to the National Electrical Code and be UL approved.

Fire Extinguishing Equipment

- Clear visibility and access to fire extinguishers, fire hose cabinets and connections, fire alarm pull stations, fire alarm strobe lights and all fire and HVAC control equipment must be maintained at all times.
- TCF Center is fully protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system. In addition, fire hose cabinets and fire extinguishers are located throughout the facility.
- Any equipment or structure with a ceiling is required to have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

- Exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, fire hose cabinets, fire extinguishers, and strobe lights are prohibited from being concealed, obstructed, or tampered with at any time.
- The hanging or rigging of signs, displays or banners, etc. shall not interfere with the building fire sprinkler system.
- If the nature of the event calls for fire detection systems to be disabled, a fire watch will be required at the Show Management's expense.
- A fire watch is mandatory when smoke and/or hazardous machines are used inside.

Fire Protection System

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Flame Retardant Treatment

- All bunting, table coverings, drapes, signs, banners, and like materials must be flame resistant and are subject to inspection and flame testing by the Fire Marshal.
- All draperies, backdrops, bunting and other decorations must be flame proofed.
- All paper and other flimsy materials used for decorative purposes, including flame-proofed paper are prohibited. The use of a heavy cardboard shall be permitted in limited amounts. Cut trees, branches and shrubs are prohibited unless maintained in soil in a natural state.
- Materials that cannot be treated for flame retardancy shall not be used. Oil cloth, tarpaper, nylon, plastic cloths, and certain other plastic materials cannot be made flame retardant and their use is prohibited.
- Flame retardant materials shall not ignite and spread over the surface when exposed to open flame.

Flammable Substances

- The use of liquefied petroleum gases, open flames or the storage and handling of flammable liquids, chemicals or harmful hazardous substances are prohibited, unless approved by the Fire Marshal, Show Management and the TCF Convention Center ***no later than 60-days prior to the Event***. Contact Show Management for additional details and requirements.

Prohibited Materials

The following materials are prohibited without the written consent of Show Management and TCF Center:

- electrical cooking equipment
- open-flame devices
- welding, cutting or brazing equipment
- ammunition
- radioactive devices
- pressure vessels
- exhibits involving hazardous processing and materials
- fireworks or pyrotechnics
- blasting agents /explosives
- flammable cryogenic gas
- aerosol cans with flammable propellants
- gas-operated cooking equipment
- portable heating equipment

Exhibitors wishing to use a prohibited material must contact Show Management and TCF Center **no later than 60-days prior to the Event**. Contact Show Management for additional details and requirements. Show Management and the TCF Center may request in writing: specifications, descriptions, etc., of any and all equipment, processes, operations, etc., from an exhibitor and reserves the right to submit such information to the fire department for approval.

Storage

- Stored items may not block doorways, exits or fire equipment.
- Storage in service corridors is strictly prohibited.
- Combustible crates and packing boxes must be removed, after setup period, to a proper storage area.

Vehicle Display

Exhibitors wishing to display motorized vehicles must contact Show Management **no later than 60-days out from Event** for approval, written consent from the TCF Center and further instructions. The following are the TCF Convention Center's fire safety requirements for public display of motor vehicles/machinery.

- All vehicles and combustion-operated machinery being exhibited shall contain a minimum amount of gasoline (approximately two gallons maximum).
- The gas tank must be taped shut or have a lockable gas cap.
- Any vehicle displayed in a show must have the battery cables disconnected.
- The gas tank must be taped shut or have a lockable gas cap.
- The keys must remain in either the show management or building management office.
- Place a plastic/pamper under the car to cover any possible leakage.
- Cars placed on TCF Center's carpet needs to have the tires covered in plastic. If not, a carpet or plastic must be placed under the car covering the four tires for it not to damage the carpet. Any damage to our floor or carpet will be at exhibitors' expense.
- At no time during show hours are vehicles to be moved.
- Any vehicles, material, equipment, etc., in fire lanes or blocking exits, etc., will be removed at exhibitors' expense.