

The National Franchise Show - Denver 2025

September 13 - 14, 2025

Colorado Convention Center - Four Seasons Ballroom

FIRE & SAFETY REGULATIONS

NOTICE: SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN EXHIBIT AREAS DURING MOVE-IN AND MOVE-OUT DUE TO THE ACCUMULATION OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

- 1. ALL MATERIALS USED IN CONSTRUCTION AND DECORATION OF AN EXHIBIT MUST BE CERTIFIED AS FLAME RETARDANT. Fabrics must be certified as flame retardant or a sample must be available for testing. Materials that cannot be treated to meet requirements, may not be used. A flame-proofing certificate should be available for inspection.
- 2. ALL EXITS AND AISLES MUST BE KEPT CLEAR AND UNOBSTRUCTED. No furniture, signs, easels, chairs, or displays may protrude into aisles.
- 3. DESIGNATED "NO FREIGHT" AISLES MUST BE MAINTAINED CLEAR OF CRATES AND EXHIBIT MATERIALS DURING MOVE-IN AND MOVE-OUT. These aisles are required for emergency access throughout the hall and to expedite freight and empty crate moving.
- 4. ALL FIRE HOSE RACKS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND EMERGENCY EXITS MUST BE VISIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES. This includes fire protection equipment located within exhibits. Exits and exit signs must not be covered by drapes or obscured from view by exhibit components.
- 5. VEHICLES ON DISPLAY MUST HAVE FUEL FILLER CAPS LOCKED OR SEALED TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF VAPORS AND TO AVOID TAMPERING. Fire code stipulates that fuel in fuel tanks shall not exceed 5 gallons or 1/4 of tank capacity, whichever is less. Batteries must be disconnected. Auxiliary batteries not connected to engine starting system may be left connected. External transformers are recommended for demonstration purposes. A fire extinguisher must be present, visible, and accessible at all times.
- 6. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS MUST NOT BE STORED BENEATH DISPLAY VEHICLES. Space beneath vehicles must be clear and visible except for permitted electrical supplies.
- 7. VEHICLES IN THE BUILDING FOR UNLOADING MUST NOT BE LEFT WITH ENGINES IDLING. Exhaust gases present extreme hazards to workers on catwalks. If the engine cannot be shut down, the vehicle must be removed from the building as quickly as possible.
- 8. ALL 110-VOLT EXTENSION CORDS SHALL BE GROUNDED THREE WIRE, #14 OR LARGER AWG COPPER WIRE. Connectors must not be supported by cords. Two wire, "Zip Cords" are not permitted other than factory installed appliance connectors; these may not exceed (6) feet in length and must be UL approved with built in over-load protectors.
- 9. COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS, INCLUDING LPG, ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS APPROVED BY FIRE SAFETY OFFICE. Flammable gases, i.e.: butane, propane, natural gas; are subject to prior approval. Compressed gas cylinders cannot be stored inside the building. After show hours, gas cylinders must be removed from the show floor and stored outside or off-site.
- 10. CUBE TAP ADAPTERS ARE PROHIBITED (UNIFORM FIRE CODE 85.107). MULTI-PLUG ADAPTERS MUST BE UL APPROVED AND HAVE BUILT-IN OVERLOAD PROTECTION. Connectors must not be used to exceed their listed ampere rating.
- 11. ELECTRICAL WORK UNDER CARPETS MUST BE DONE, OR SUPERVISED, BY THE OFFICIAL CONTRACTOR'S ELECTRICIANS. All wiring on the floor must be Type "SO" cord, insulated to qualify for "extra hard usage", must be No. 12AWG or larger, and must be protected against injury. All temporary wiring must be accessible and free from debris and storage materials. Hard backed booths must be at least 9 inches from rear booth lines and 18 inches between hard walls.
- 12. NO STORAGE OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED BEHIND BOOTHS OR NEAR ELECTRICAL SERVICE. Materials necessary to the exhibit must be stored within the exhibit. Electrical cords and connectors must be accessible and shall not be covered. Areas enclosed by solid walls and ceilings must be provided with approved smoke detectors.
- 13. ALL EMPTY CARTONS OR CRATES MUST BE LABELED AND REMOVED FOR STORAGE OR THEY WILL BE REMOVED AS TRASH. Crates or raw flammable materials are not to be used as exhibit supports.
- 14. MATERIALS FOR HANDOUTS MUST BE LIMITED TO A ONE-DAY SUPPLY AND MUST BE STORED NEATLY WITHIN THE BOOTH. Violators will be notified and if not removed by show opening, show decorator will remove and store at EXHIBITOR'S EXPENSE. All storage must be kept clear of electrical cables or junction boxes.
- 15. FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS ARE PROHIBITED INSIDE OF BUILDINGS EXCEPT AS APPROVED BY THE FIRE SAFETY OFFICE. Flammable thinners, solvents and paints, including aerosol cans are strictly prohibited within the building.