

Fire Safety Requirements and Tips for 2015

Maryland State Fair

This pertains to the Cow Palace, Swine Barns, and Horse Stables.

- A 24 hour fire watch shall be maintained in all three areas. The areas shall be walked through by a trained adult (age 18 or older) to check 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 individual that completed the safety walk.
- 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 strip in place of extension cords. No daisy chaining of these devices is allowed.
- Extension cords will not be allowed.
- Take note of the closest exits in the event of an emergency and be prepared to evacuate the building promptly.
- Be familiar with 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 feet 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.
- No portable generators shall be used in or near the buildings.
- A log of all those staying in these buildings with contact information (including responsible adults emergency contacts, names, phone numbers) should be made available to the Fire Department and Fair Ground Staff for ease of communication during an emergency or lost child situation.
- Designated and assigned meeting 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.
- A minimum of one fire drill should be conducted prior to the event start.
- A letter of agreement/compliance should be provided to the Fire Marshal's office from the 4-H Director prior to the event.