



GUIDELINES FOR CARNIVALS AND FAIRS

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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General

1. Plan approval required. Submit 30 days prior to desired opening date.
2. Special amusement buildings shall comply with Section 914.7 of the 2010 California Fire Code.
3. Other departments that review/approve fairs and carnivals include Zoning and Police.
4. Business license is required and issued after sign-off by above-mentioned departments.

Fire Apparatus Access Roads

1. All portions of the carnival shall be within a 150-foot hose lay of a fire access road.
2. Minimum width of access roads shall be 20 feet. Changes in direction and turns shall provide a minimum inside radius of 25 feet and outside radius of 45 feet.
3. Roads shall be hard-surfaced and capable of supporting the imposed load of 60,000 pounds.
4. Dead-end fire access roads shall have an approved turnaround.
5. Parking in or obstruction of access roads or turnarounds is prohibited.

Portable Fire Extinguishers – General

1. 2A10BC rated extinguishers shall be provided and installed at a maximum height of 48 inches above finished floor.
2. Currently serviced, within last calendar year.
3. Easily accessible and visible and within 75 feet of travel distance.
4. A K-Class portable fire extinguisher shall be in any stand where deep fat fryers are used.

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Concession Stands

1. Tents used for cooking shall be separated from lot lines, buildings and other tents by a minimum of 20 feet.

Internal Combustion Power Sources (Generators, motor vehicles, similar equipment)

1. Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal business hours
2. Refueling may take place only when a ride is not in use
3. Shall be isolated from contact with the public by either physical guards, fencing or an enclosure
4. 2A10BC fire extinguisher shall be located in immediate area of internal combustion power sources

Tents over 400 sq. ft. and Canopies over 700 sq. ft. (Permit Required)

1. Shall meet the flame propagation performance criteria of NFPA 701.
2. Located at least 20 feet from property lines, buildings, other tents, parked vehicles or internal combustion engines
3. Additional requirements may apply

Plans

1. Scaled using engineer scale of 1 inch = 10 feet to 1 inch = 50 feet
2. North arrow, location and identification of nearest streets
3. Location of concession stands, amusement rides, internal combustion power sources and extra fuel supply
4. Access roadways, fire extinguishers
5. Contact name, phone number and if available, fax number and email address.