

# FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS FOR TRADE SHOW EXHIBITORS

## **A. Inherently Fire Retardant or Flame Retardant Treatment**

1. All decorations, drapes, signs, banners, plastic displays, hay, straw, moss, split bamboo and other similar materials **MUST BE FLAME RETARDANT** to the satisfaction of the Fire Department and the State Fire Marshal.
2. Table coverings must be flame retardant treated unless they lay flat, with an overhang no greater than 6".
3. Oilcloth, tar paper, sisal paper, nylon, orlon and certain other plastic materials cannot be made flame retardant and their use is prohibited.
4. A Certificate of Flame Resistance shall be available for review by the Fire Marshal or on file with the Fire Marshal for all decorative materials.

## **B. Vehicles/Internal Combustion Engines on Display**

1. Any autos, trucks, motorcycles or other motorized vehicles displayed shall have their batteries disconnected and terminals taped.
2. All motor vehicle tanks containing fuel or which have ever contained fuel, shall be furnished with locking-type gas caps or sealed with tape. The level of gas in tanks cannot exceed five gallons or one-quarter tank, whichever is less.
3. Garden tractors, chain saws, power plants and other gasoline-powered equipment shall be safeguarded in a similar manner.
4. All autos, trucks and vehicles of any kind must show the location on the Fire Department-approved floor plan 14 days prior to the show date.

## **C. Combustibles**

1. Literature on display shall be limited to reasonable quantities. Reserve supplies shall be kept in closed containers and stored in a neat and compact manner.
2. No cardboard boxes or any combustible materials may be stored on top of or near any electrical wiring in the spaces behind the backwall drapery (booth) or behind any display.

## **D. Obstructions**

1. Aisles designated on approved show floor plans shall be kept clean, clear and free of obstructions. Booth constructions shall be substantial and fixed into position in specified areas for the duration of the show. Chairs, easels, signs and demonstration areas shall not be placed beyond booth areas into aisles.
2. All aisles must be maintained at a minimum of 10 feet in width or unless otherwise approved on floor plan.
3. All fire prevention and fire fighting equipment in all public assembly areas shall have easy and unobstructed accessibility.