



Film Production Site Safety

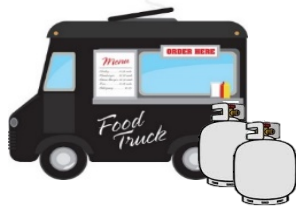
INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes key fire safety requirements for film/TV production activity on locations in New York City. Pre-production planning makes for an overall safe and successful film.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Permits are required for:

- each display/event involving Special effects.
- the storage and use of Flammable/Combustible liquids in approved portable containers. (Ex: gasoline, acetone, alcohols, cleaners, adhesives, paints, waxes and polishes).
- Storage and use of Propane (Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)) in a Mobile Food truck.
- Permitted Mobile Food Trucks are only allowed to carry two (2) cylinders up to 100 lbs each.
- Liquid motor fuel must be kept in and dispensed from approved containers no bigger than 2 ½ gallons or Cargo tanks (which requires a Variance and Certificate of Fitness(COF)).
- **LPG** Containers must be stored in an upright position, empty or full. Containers must be secured with valve closed when not in use.



Permit and Certificate of Fitness (COF) Requirements vary on location and quantity, for more information contact **311 and ask for FDNY Business Support or visit www.nyc.gov/fdny

Electrical equipment, wiring, and lighting

- Electrical Wires in walkways must be protected. 
- **NEVER** use damaged devices, or equipment that is or has faulty wiring. 
- Equipment must be completely shut down for refueling. 



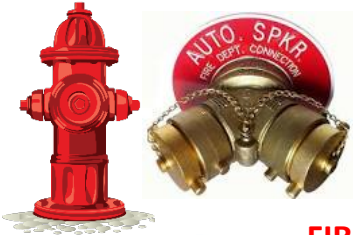
- Check to make sure that surrounding areas of heat producing equipment is kept free of combustible materials.
- Heaters can only be used for the purpose of a special effect (not for comfort) and must be supervised by a valid COF holder.



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General Building Information

EXITS, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS, FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, AND FIRE LANES.



- Exit and Exit Access Doors must be clearly marked and maintained with an exit sign which is visible from any direction of egress travel (when required by Building Code).
- Fire protection systems, fire safety equipment, fire lanes must always be accessible, kept clear and free of obstructions.
- Daily safety meetings should be held and explain life safety and means of egress procedures in the event of a fire or non-fire emergency.



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Conduct a Monthly QUICK CHECK of Fire Extinguishers to see if:

- the fire extinguisher is fully charged;
- it is in its designated place;
- it has not been used or tampered with;
- there is no obvious physical damage or condition that would prevent use
- and it is readily accessible.
- Portable Fire Extinguisher (PFE) tags must have a hologram and be up to date.



FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS



- Communicate with responsible building personnel regarding Special Effects. This is to avoid unwarranted alarms or false activation of sprinkler systems.
- Check with responsible building personnel to ensure that sprinkler, standpipe, fire alarm systems (incl. smoke/carbon), and fire department connection are maintained and in good working order.

STORAGE OF FLAMMABLES AND COMBUSTIBLES



- Storage of combustibles such as boxes, books, papers, furniture and piles of trash can be fuel for fire.
- Garbage, paint and tools must be removed regularly and should never be stored in walkways or in front of exits.
- Flammable and combustible liquids must always be stored in approved containers. Approved cabinets or rooms can be used to increase storage quantities.



KEEP IN MIND: Hand Sanitizer is FLAMMABLE. You must keep it away from open flames and all possible heat sources.

QUESTIONS?

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