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## **Park Events Fire Safety Guidelines Commercial Outdoor Cooking Events**

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Event organizers are responsible for the following regulations and safety requirements for commercial outdoor cooking events in City parks.

1. A minimum of one 5lb ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher must be kept within reach of each vendor's cooking space.
2. Where the process includes deep-frying or cooking with hot oil, a K-class extinguisher is also required to be kept within reach of the cooking area.
3. All cooking appliances must be certified appliances (including but not limited to safety certifications by ULC, CSA, ETL, etc.) All cooking appliances must be used in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Homemade appliances are not permitted.
4. Deep fryers must be certified for commercial use, fueled by propane or electricity, and used in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Homemade deep fryers are not permitted.
5. Deep fryers must be kept at least 1m away from other cooking devices, and located under a tent in such a way to prevent water ingress from rain.
6. All cooking appliances must be kept clear of combustible materials, including tent fabrics, and are not to be placed on top of unprotected grassy areas.
7. Propane cylinders must be secured in order to prevent tipping/falling and damage from impact, and should be placed away from heat exposure, including direct sunlight.
8. A buffered area shall be established and maintained between heat sources and the public.
9. Tents above cooking areas shall be listed as conforming to CAN/ULC-S109, "Flame Tests of Flame-Resistant Fabrics and Films."
10. Tents shall be spaced 3m from any other tent, and at least two sides of the tent shall be open at all times to allow adequate ventilation.
11. Charcoal briquette ashes shall be disposed of safely in non-combustible receptacles.

It is the responsibility of event organizers to comply with all requirements of this guide, the BC Fire Code, the Fire Services Act and regulations, the City of Coquitlam Fire Prevention Bylaw 3712, 2005 and all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal statutes, regulations and bylaws. Fire/Rescue may at any time inspect the premises for compliance. Failure to maintain compliance may result in the commencement of enforcement action.