

Food Truck Safety Inspection checklist



Permits Required

- Operational permits shall be in accordance with Sections 105.1.1 and 105.1.2 OFC 319.2.1

Fire Department Access

- Mobile food units shall not block fire apparatus access roads, fire lanes, fire hydrants, or other fire appliances. 319.2.2
- The address of the current operational location shall be posted and accessible to all employees. 319.2.3

Separation

- Mobile food units shall be separated from buildings or structures, combustible materials except approved furniture, vehicles, and other cooking operations by a minimum of 5 feet (1524 m), or as approved by the fire code official. Sufficient space to allow for timely egress from mobile food units shall be provided in the event of fire or natural disaster. 319.2.4

Generators

- Generators shall not be refueled while in operation. They shall not be operated in an enclosed area. 319.2.6
- Portable generators shall be in accordance with Section 1204. Portable generators shall be positioned so that the exhaust is at least 5 feet (1524 m) in any direction away from any openings, air intakes or means of egress or from any building, structure, or vehicle. A listed portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum rating of 2-A:20-B:C shall be provided not more than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from the portable generator.
- Vehicle mounted generators shall be installed, used and maintained in accordance with their listing and the manufacturer's instructions. 319.2.6.2

Exits

- Means of egress must be kept clear of any obstructions. A second exit or appropriately sized customer service window should be provided if cooking equipment is located between a work area and the primary exit. 319.2.7

Electrical

- Electrical equipment and wiring shall be in accordance with Section 603. 319.2.8
- Used and maintained in accordance with NFPA 70
- Listed and labeled EL 1B
- Modified or damaged electrical repaired or replaced EL 1C
- Approved switches, electrical outlet boxes EL 1D
- Proper use of temporary wiring EL 1D

Fire protection

- Exhaust Hood-Cooking equipment that produces smoke or grease-laden vapors shall be provided with a kitchen exhaust hood in accordance with Section 606. 319.2.10

- Fire Protection for Cooking Equipment-Cooking equipment shall be protected by automatic fire-extinguishing systems in accordance with Section 904.13.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with Section 906.4. 319.2.11.2
- ABC extinguishers and class K extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with 906.3-906.4
- A listed methane gas alarm shall be installed within the vehicle in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. 319.2.15.4
- An approved carbon monoxide alarm shall be installed where generators are used, or mobile cooking operations are performed in an enclosed area. 319.2.17

Deep Fat Fryers and oil

- Deep fat fryers shall comply with NFPA 96 and shall have a lid over the oil vat that can be secured to prevent the spillage of cooking oil during transit. This lid shall be secured at all times when the vehicle is in motion. 319.2.11.4
- Cooking oil storage containers within mobile food units shall have a maximum aggregate volume not more than 120 gallons (454 L), and shall be stored in such a way as to not be toppled or damaged during transport. 319.2.12.1
- Metallic cooking oil storage tanks shall be listed in accordance with UL 80 or UL 142, and shall be installed in accordance with the tank manufacturer's instructions. 319.2.12.2.1
- Nonmetallic cooking oil storage tanks shall be installed in accordance with the tank manufacturer's instructions and shall comply with both of the following: Tanks shall be listed for use with cooking oil, including maximum temperature to which the tank will be exposed during use. Tank capacity shall not exceed 200 gallons (757 L) per tank. 319.2.12.2.2

LP-Gas Systems

- LP-gas containers installed on the vehicle and fuel-gas piping systems shall be inspected annually as outlined in Section 319.2.18.3.
- The maximum aggregate capacity of LP-gas containers transported on the vehicle and used to fuel cooking appliances only shall not exceed 200 pounds (91 kg) propane capacity. 319.2.14.2
- LP-gas containers installed on the vehicle shall be securely mounted and restrained to prevent movement. 319.2.14.3
- LP-gas system piping, including valves and fittings, shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, impact damage, and damage from vibration. 319.2.14.5
- A listed LP-gas alarm shall be installed within the vehicle in the vicinity of LP-gas system components, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. 319.2.14.6