



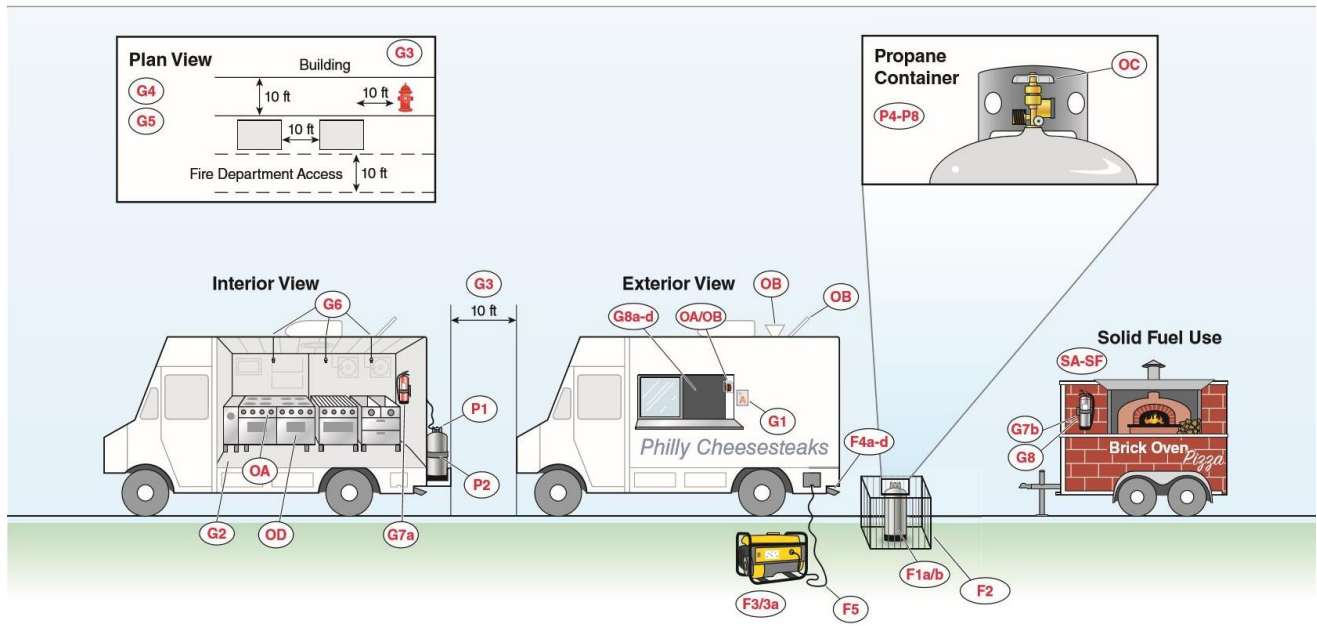
## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# Mobile Food Vendor Safety Checklist

Below are guidelines to be used for the Yuba City Fire Department (YCFD) portion of the Mobile Food Vending Unit safety inspections. This list does not cover every possible item that will be inspected, nor does meeting all the guidelines listed below guarantee that a unit will pass inspection.

The YCFD inspection is an operational safety inspection only of the MFVU on the date that it is inspected. It is not an approval of the MFVU's design, construction, road worthiness or an indication of the long term safety of its combined elements. YCFD reserves the right to modify these guidelines as needed.



NFPA code references are provided at the end of each item. The red keys correspond to the NFPA food truck safety diagram. For more detailed information, see NFPA 1 and Chapter 17 in NFPA 96.

# Mobile Food Vendor Safety Checklist (continued)

## General Safety Checklist

- Obtain license or permit from the local authorities. (G1)
- Ensure there is no public seating within the mobile food truck. (G2)
- Check that there is a clearance of at least 10 ft away from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials. [96:17.2] (G3)
- Verify fire department vehicular access is provided for fire lanes and access roads. (G4)
- Ensure clearance is provided for the fire department to access fire hydrants and access fire department connections. (G5)
- Check that appliances using combustible media are protected by an approved fire extinguishing system. [96:10.1.2] (G6)
- Verify portable fire extinguishers have been selected and installed in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10. [96:10.9] (G7)
- Where cooking appliances that use solid fuel, such as charcoal or wood, produce grease-laden vapors, make sure the appliances are protected by listed fire-extinguishing equipment. [96:15.7.1] (G7b)
- Ensure that workers are trained in the following: [96:17.10] (G8)
  - Proper use of portable fire extinguishers and extinguishing systems [96:17.10.1(1)] (G8a)
  - Proper method of shutting off fuel sources [96:17.10.1(2)] (G8b)
  - Proper procedure for notifying the local fire department [96:17.10.1(1)] (G8c)
  - Proper procedure for how to perform simple leak test on gas connections [96:17.10.1(5)] (G8d)

## Fuel & Power Sources Checklist

- Ensure that all electrical appliances, fixtures, equipment, and wiring complies with the NFPA 70®. [96:17.8.1] (F5)
- Ensure that refueling is conducted only during non-operating hours. [96:B.18.3] (F1b)
- Check that any engine-driven source of power is separated from the public by barriers, such as physical guards, fencing, or enclosures. [96:B.16.2.2] (F2)
- Ensure that any engine-driven source of power is shut down prior to refueling from a portable container. (F3)
- Check that surfaces of engine-driven source of power are cool to the touch prior to refueling from a portable container. (F3a)
- Verify that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. (F1a)
- Make sure that exhaust from engine-driven source of power complies with the following: (F4)
  - At least 12 ft in all directions from openings and air intakes [96:17.5.2.3(1)] (F4a)
  - At least 12 ft from every means of egress [96:B.13] (F4b)
  - Directed away from all buildings [96:17.5.2.3(2)] (F4c)
  - Directed away from all other cooking vehicles and operations [96:17.5.2.3(3)] (F4d)

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### Propane System Integrity Checklist

- Check that the main shutoff valve on all gas containers is readily accessible. [58:6.26.4.1(3)] (P1)
- Ensure that portable gas containers are in the upright position and secured to prevent tipping over. [58:6.26.3.4] (P2)
- Inspect gas systems prior to each use. [96:17.7.2.3] (P3)
- Perform leak testing on all new gas connections of the gas system. [58:6.16; 58:6.17] (P4)
- Perform leak testing on all gas connections affected by replacement of an exchangeable container. [58:6.16; 58:6.17] (P5)
- Document leak testing and make documentation available for review by the authorized official. [58:6.26.5.1(M)] (P6)
- Ensure that on gas system piping, a flexible connector is installed between the regulator outlet and the fixed piping system. [58:6.26.5.1(B)] (P7)
- Where a gas detection system is installed, ensure that it is tested monthly. [96:17.7.2.2] (P8)

### Operational Safety Checklist

- Do not leave cooking equipment unattended while it is still hot. (This is the leading cause of home structure fires and home fire injuries.) (OA)
- Operate cooking equipment only when all windows, service hatches, and ventilation sources are fully opened. [96:12.1.1] (OB)
- Close gas supply piping valves and gas container valves when equipment is not in use. [58:6.26.8.3] (OC)
- Keep cooking equipment, including the cooking ventilation system, clean by regularly removing grease. [96:12.4] (OD)

### Solid Fuel Checklist (Where Wood, Charcoal, or Other Solid Fuel Is Used)

- Fuel is not stored above any heat-producing appliance or vent. [96:15.9.2.2] (SA)
- Fuel is not stored closer than 3 ft to any cooking appliance. [96:15.9.2.2] (SB)
- Fuel is not stored near any combustible flammable liquids, ignition sources, chemicals, and food supplies and packaged goods. [96:15.9.2.7] (SC)
- Fuel is not stored in the path of the ash removal or near removed ashes. [96:15.9.2.4] (SD)
- Ash, cinders, and other fire debris should be removed from the firebox at regular intervals and at least once a day. [96:15.9.3.6.1] (SE)
- Removed ashes, cinders, and other removed fire debris should be placed in a closed, metal container. [96:15.9.3.8.1] (SF)