



Market Trading, Mobile and Temporary Event Catering

Guidance on Complying with Health & Safety Requirements

- Provide a First Aid kit with a supply of waterproof dressings.
- Operators of stalls and units must undertake a suitable risk assessment prior to the event and ensure that all reasonable safety precautions are taken and employees are fully informed of the safety measures.
- Appropriate fire precautions, for example fire blankets and/or extinguishers should be provided where cooking equipment is in use. Units and stalls cooking food should provide 4kg dry powder or foam fire extinguishers. Units and stalls with electrical equipment and generators should provide 4kg dry powder or CO₂ fire extinguishers.
- All electrical and gas appliances must be fit for purpose, and checked at least once a year by a competent person to ensure they are safe to operate. Gas systems and equipment should be safety checked and certified by a person competent to work on LPG appliances.
- All gas cylinders should be fitted with a safety cut-off valve and be protected from tampering. All gas pipes should be protected from abrasion and mechanical damage, and should be replaced at least once every two years.

- All gas appliances should be fitted with a flame failure device and be adequately ventilated, but protected from tampering or access by the public.
- Electrical generators need to be protected from inclement weather, but must be well ventilated at all times.
- Gas cylinders and electrical generators should be sited away from access points to units and stalls and the person in charge of the unit or stall must ensure that their unit or stall is sited in such a way as to minimise the spread of fire to other units, and to allow easy access to emergency vehicles in the event of an incident.
- Electrical generators must be sited away from combustible materials and fuel sources, and must not discharge fumes into food units or stalls.
- Electrical generators must be fit for the size of the operation and must not be overloaded by equipment requiring a higher wattage than can be delivered.
- Electrical cables to stalls should be suitable for use in an outdoor environment and must be sited to prevent tripping hazards.

For further advice on Health & Safety matters you should contact the following:

- The Event Organiser
- Your local Environmental Health Department
- Refer to the Chartered Institute for Environmental Health National Guidance for Outdoor and Mobile Catering. (ISBN 978-1-906989-29-3).

