

LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

Combustibles

1. Literature on display shall be limited to reasonable quantities. Reserve supplies shall be kept in closed containers and stored in a neat and compact manner.
2. No flammable liquids are allowed in the building.
3. When displaying a flammable or combustible product, the display container shall be empty.
4. Painting or spraying of toxic or flammable materials is prohibited.
5. Smoking is prohibited throughout the L.B. Convention Center complex. *L.B.M.C. 868.010*

Fire Department – Special Permits

Request for permission to permit the following shall be made five (5) days in advance of the show.

1. Display and operate any heater, barbeque, heat-producing device or open flame, candles, lamps, lanterns, or torches
2. Display or operate any electrical, mechanical, or chemical device which may be deemed hazardous by the Fire Department.
3. The use of Liquefied Petroleum Gases is prohibited throughout the L.B. Convention Center complex. *L.B.M.C. 18.48.0440*
4. Use or store flammable liquids, compressed gases, or dangerous chemicals.
5. Display an operating internal combustion engine.

Flame-Retardant Treatment

All decorations, drapes, signs, banners, sails, acoustical materials, hay, straw, moss, split bamboo, plastic cloth and similar decorative materials shall be flame-retarded to the satisfaction of the Fire Department by either a State Fire Marshal's certification of flame-retardancy or the ability to pass a field flame test, however, that nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the display of saleable goods permitted and offered for sale.

Carpeting on Walls or Ceilings

When used as interior wall or ceiling finish, carpeting and similar materials having a snapped, tufted, looped, or similar surface shall have a Class 1 flame-spread classification.

Special Finish Materials

Any material having a brushed or nappe finish, such as but not necessarily limited to, carpeting materials, shall have a flame spread rating of not more than 25 regardless of location or occupancy.

Interior Finish of Decorative Material

Unframed Rigid Combustible Material: Rigid Combustible decorative material and assemblies of materials not more than ¼ inch in thickness used for folding doors, room dividers, decorative screens, and similar applications, which do not create concealed spaces and are installed with exposed edges, shall be flame-retardant.

Framed Rigid Combustible Decorative Materials: Rigid combustible decorative material and assemblies of materials not more than ¼ inch in thickness used for folding doors, room dividers, decorative screens, and similar applications, which are installed with all edges protected, shall conform to the following:

1. All exposed edges shall be protected with frames of metal or other noncombustible material, or solid wood of a minimum of ¼ inch dimension.
2. The total square foot area of the material shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of that of the floor area of the room in which the material is installed.

Canvas, cloth, cardboard, leaves or similar combustible materials shall not be used in construction of ceilings for longer than thirty (30) days and shall be completely flame-retardant.

Required exit doors, exit lights, fire alarm sending stations, wet standpipe hose cabinets and fire extinguisher locations shall not be concealed or obstructed by any decorative material.

Treatments used to accomplish this flame retardation shall be renewed as often as deemed necessary by Fire Prevention Bureau to maintain the flame-retardation effect.

All displays or exhibits of combustible material or construction and all booths and temporary construction in connection therewith shall be so limited in combustibility or protected as to avoid any undue hazard of fire that might endanger occupants before they have the opportunity to use available exits, as determined by the authority having jurisdiction.

Non-compliance of this requirement will cause the revoking of fire permit and/or in the case of exhibits, the elimination of the booth from the show.

Motor Vehicle Display

The following are the Long Beach Fire Department's minimum fire-safety requirements for public display of motor vehicles assemblage occupancies:

Fuel Tanks: Fuel tanks, unless never having held fuel, shall be maintained between $\frac{1}{4}$ and "full" of fuel. Caps for fuel tank fill pipes shall be of the locking type and maintained locked. If it is not practical to attach such a cap, an alternate method may be employed with the permission of the Long Beach Fire Department.

Electrical System: The electrical system shall be de-energized. This will be done by one of the following methods:

1. Removing the battery
2. Removing the battery cable.
3. Disconnecting one battery cable and covering it with electrical tape or other similar insulating material.

Location: Display shall be located so as not to obstruct any required aisle or exit way.

Miscellaneous: Operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except for late night or morning hours while setting up or taking down equipment for shows.

Use of Candles and Open Flames

Contact the Long Beach Fire Department (Bureau of Fire Protection) for code requirements prior to use.