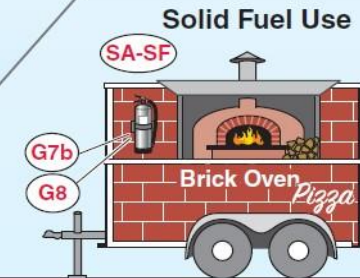
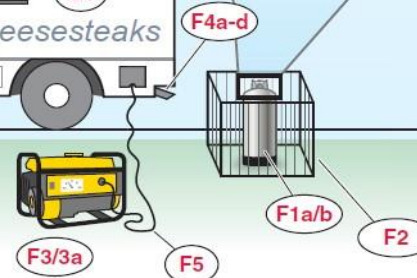
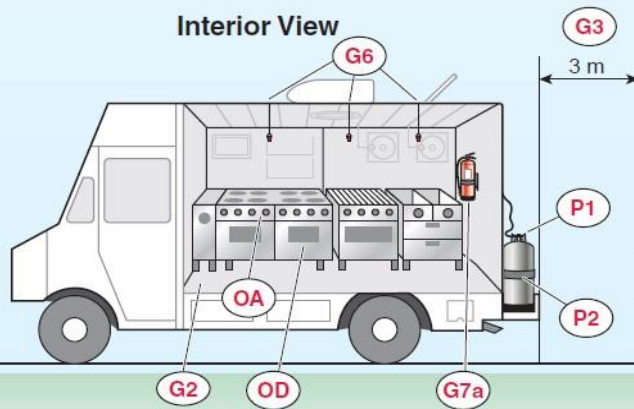
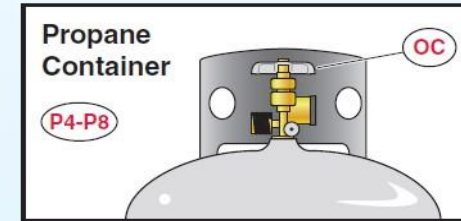
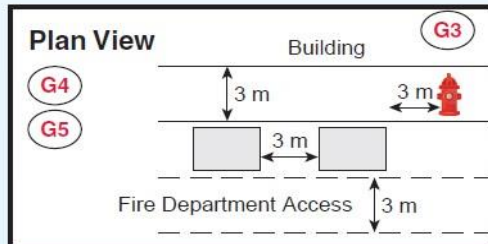




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Code references are provided at the end of each item. The red keys correspond to the NFPA food truck safety diagram. For more detailed information, see Annex B in NFPA 96.

GENERAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Obtain license or permits from the Local Authority Having Jurisdiction. [SCA] **G1**
- Ensure there is no public seating within the mobile food truck. **G2**
- Check that there is a clearance of at least 3 m away from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials. [NFPA 96:7.8.2; 96:7.8.3 NOTE: Check with Local Authority Having Jurisdiction] **G3**
- Verify fire department vehicular access is provided for fire lanes and access roads. [AFC 2.5.1.5.] **G4**
- Ensure clearance is provided for the fire department to access fire hydrants and access fire department connections. [AFC 2.5.1.4.] **G5**
- Check that appliances using combustible media are protected by an approved fire extinguishing system. [NFPA 96:10.1.2, B149.2:4.15] **G6**
- Verify portable fire extinguishers have been selected and installed in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10. [AFC 2.1.5.1., & 6.2, NFPA 96:10.9.3] **G7a**
- Where solid fuel cooking appliance produce grease-laden vapors, make sure the appliances are protected by listed fire-extinguishing equipment. [ABC 6.2.2.7., NFPA 96:14.7.1] **G7b**
- Ensure that workers are trained in the following: [NFPA 96:B.15.1] **G8**
 - Proper use of portable fire extinguishers and extinguishing systems [NFPA 10:1.2] **G8a**
 - Proper method of shutting off fuel sources [NFPA 96:10.4.1] **G8b**
 - Proper procedure for notifying the local fire department [NFPA 1:10.14.9] **G8c**
 - Proper procedure for how to perform simple leak test on gas connections. [B149.1:4.4.2] **G8d**

FUEL & POWER SOURCES CHECKLIST

- Verify that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. **F1a**
- Ensure that refueling is conducted only during non-operating hours. [NFPA 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. [NFPA 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**
- Make sure that exhaust from engine-driven source of power complies with the following: **F4**
 - At least 3 m in all directions from openings and air intakes [NFPA 96:B.13] **F4a**
 - At least 3 m from every means of egress [NFPA 96:B.13] **F4b**
 - Directed away from all buildings **F4c**
 - Directed away from all other cooking vehicles and operations **F4d**
- Ensure that all electrical appliances, fixtures, equipment, and wiring complies with the Canadian Electrical Code. **F5**

PROPANE SYSTEM INTEGRITY CHECKLIST

- Check that the main shutoff valve on all gas containers is readily accessible. [B149.5:5.3.5.6] **P1**
- Ensure that portable gas containers are in the upright position and secured to prevent tipping over. [B149.2:6.1.8 & 5.5] **P2**
- Inspect gas systems prior to each use. [NFPA 96:B.19.2.3] **P3**
- Perform leak testing on all new gas connections of the gas system. [B149.1:4.12.1 & 6.22.3] **P4**
- Perform leak testing on all gas connections affected by replacement of an exchangeable container. [B149.1:4.12.1 & 6.22.3] **P5**
- Document leak testing and make documentation available for review by the authorized official. [B149.1:6.22] **P6**
- Where a gas detection system is installed, ensure that it has been tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. [NFPA 96:B.19.2.1] **P7**

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. [B149.1:4.25.6, NFPA 96:14.2.2 & 14.2.3] **OB**
- Close gas supply piping valves and gas container valves when equipment is not in use. [B149.2:5.12.5] **OC**
- Keep cooking equipment, including the cooking ventilation system, clean by regularly removing grease. [NFPA 96:11.4] **OD**

SOLID FUEL SAFETY CHECKLIST (WHERE WOOD, CHARCOAL, OR OTHER SOLID FUEL IS USED)

- Fuel is not stored above any heat-producing appliance or vent. [NFPA 96:14.9.2.2] **SA**
- Fuel is not stored closer than 0.92 m to any cooking appliance. [NFPA 96:14.9.2.2] **SB**
- Fuel is not stored near any combustible flammable liquids, ignition sources, chemicals, and food supplies and packaged goods. [NFPA 96:14.9.2.7] **SC**
- Fuel is not stored in the path of the ash removal or near removed ashes. [NFPA 96:14.9.2.4] **SD**
- Ash, cinders, and other fire debris should be removed from the firebox at regular intervals and at least once a day. [NFPA 96:14.9.3.6.1] **SE**
- Removed ashes, cinders, and other removed fire debris should be placed in a closed, metal container located at least 0.92 m from any cooking appliance. [NFPA 96:14.9.3.8] **SF**

REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

- Safety Codes Act and its Regulations
- National Building Code – 2023 Alberta Edition
- National Fire Code – 2023 Alberta Edition
- CSA C22.1-24 Canadian Electric Code
- CSA B149.1-20 Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code
- CSA B149.2-20 Propane Storage and Handling Code
- CSA B149.5-20 Installation Code for Propane Fuel Systems and Containers in Motor Vehicles
- NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2022
- NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, 2024

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