



## Nashville Fire Dept. Tent Regulations

The Nashville Fire Department has regulations in place with which exhibitors must comply. Please read the following carefully to ensure that you will have a safe, successful and worry-free experience at the upcoming Tennessee Craft Fair:

- 1.) Tent permits are required for tents *larger* than 200 sq. ft. (tents *larger* than 10' x 20' or equivalent). Tents 200 sq. ft. or smaller can be used without obtaining a permit from the Fire Department. However, these tents are required to have **a factory installed label that states the fabric is flame retardant or flame resistant**. Fire Department inspectors will be on the grounds to inspect tents, and any tent not in compliance must be removed from the premises. Please check to be sure that your tent has this label. Note: some inexpensive and/or older tents may not have this certification. If you are purchasing a tent, do not purchase one without this label!
  - Exhibitors with tents exceeding 200 sq. ft. must purchase a permit from the Nashville Fire Department and comply with more stringent requirements.
  - If two smaller tents are set up to adjoin, and exceed 200 sq. ft., they are considered to be one tent and will require a permit. This restriction would be waived if one or both of the tents was rented from Tennessee Craft.
  - Exhibitors renting tents through Tennessee Craft will not be required to purchase a permit because our tent contractor has complied with all fire department regulations and purchased required permits.
- 2.) There is a minimum 5-day notice required to process all tent permits. If you need a permit, please start the process immediately so you have time to make other arrangements if you cannot secure a permit for your tent.
- 3.) No exhibitor may have lit candles, smoking, or other sources of ignition within his or her tent.
- 4.) Generators, boat batteries and other similar types of electricity sources are only permitted if allowed by the Fire Dept. In addition, noisy or smelly generators may be prohibited in the event they prove disruptive to one's booth neighbors.
- 5.) Any tent that doesn't meet the requirements above is at risk for being removed by the Fire Dept.

Tennessee Craft has worked diligently with the Fire Department and Parks to make the upcoming Craft Fair comply with these regulations. We want this fair to be an enjoyable experience for everyone, so please make sure you are in compliance *before you arrive on the grounds*.

If you need additional information, please contact **the Nashville Fire Department** at **615-862-5230**.