

Factsheet “Festive Events and Markets”

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1 Grill and Cooking Equipment

- Appliances powered by liquid gas must be set up outdoors.
- Grill and cooking equipment must be positioned in such a way that escape routes and traffic routes are not obstructed.
- Grill and cooking equipment must be set up in such a way that there is no risk of fire or injury.
- Visitors at risk must be protected with a touch guard.
- A distance of at least 50 cm must be maintained from flammable materials.
- Rechauds, gas stoves and similar items must be placed on fireproof surfaces. Aluminum foil is not sufficient as a base.

2 Liquid Gas Installations

- Liquid gas installations must be installed professionally.
- In the case of liquid gas installations for events, a periodic inspection must be carried out annually by a trained specialist and documented with an inspection certificate or sticker.
- Installations with defective components (hoses, bridged safety thermostats) or with mismatched components (pressure regulators, seals, connections) must not be put into operation.
- Operators of liquid gas installations are responsible for the safe operation.
- Liquid gas cylinders and their supply lines to the consumers must be protected from the public and installed outside buildings or marquees.
- Liquid gas installations may not be installed outdoors above shafts, gutters, etc. (distance at least 1 m).
- The storage of liquid gas in rooms that are wholly or partially below ground level is not permitted.

3 Tent Installations

- Tent structures must have sufficient openings leading to the outside at all times or have exits suitable for escape routes.
- Up to 50 persons: One exit at least 90 cm wide
- Up to 100 persons: Two exits, each at least 90 cm wide
- Up to 200 persons: Three exits, each at least 90 cm wide or 1x 90 and 1x 120 cm wide
- From an occupancy of more than 300 people, further requirements apply with regard to escape route markings, safety lighting, seating and earthing systems for metal structures. Project plans for such tent structures must be submitted to the fire police for approval in good time.
- Tent sheets for walls and roofs must be made of at least RF 2 (cr) building materials.
- Escape routes from buildings (stores, residential buildings, cinemas, places of assembly) must not be obstructed by tent structures and their furnishings.
- No heaters with open flames may be used to heat marquees.

4 Extinguishing equipment

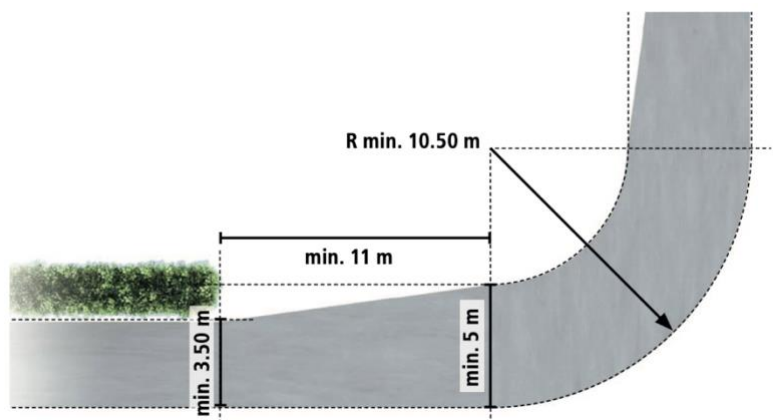
- Grill and cooking appliances must be equipped with a suitable fire blanket and a suitable hand-held fire extinguisher. The fire police consider a fire blanket measuring 120 cm x 180 cm and foam extinguishers weighing 3 kg or more or ready-to-use bucket extinguishers to be suitable.
- Suitable portable fire extinguishers must be provided for tents with an occupancy of more than 300 persons.
- In the case of portable fire extinguishers, periodic maintenance must be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in addition to an in-house readiness check.

5 Decoration

- Decorations must not endanger people or obstruct escape routes. Escape route markings, safety lighting and extinguishers must not be impaired.
- Decorations may consist of no more than RF 2 material (low flammability) and must not drip off in the event of fire. Decorations made of solid wood (board thickness ≥ 10 mm) are permitted.
- Highly flammable material (straw, hay, shredded paper, reeds, fir brushwood) may not be used as decoration.
- The use of pyrotechnic objects must not endanger people or objects and requires a permit from the fire police.

6 Fire Department (052 267 61 00, feuerwehr.winterthur@win.ch)

- Each access must be designed at least as an emergency access that guarantees the emergency deployment of public services at all times.
- The following access regulations apply for the fire department:



- The deployment of the fire department and other rescue services must be unhindered at all times. Rescue access routes must be kept clear and hydrants, fire-fighting posts and the like must be accessible and ready for use at all times.
- The professional fire department may carry out inspection runs on request or unannounced.
- In case of doubt, the professional fire department must be consulted. Their instructions must be followed.

7 Applicable documents

The VKF Fire Protection Regulations 2015 (fire protection standard and fire protection guidelines) declared binding in accordance with Section 14 of the Fire Police and Fire Protection Act of September 24, 1978 and Section 1 of the Ordinance on Preventive Fire Protection of December 8, 2004 (revision 1.1.2015) are legally binding.