Food Concessions & Vendor Fire Safety Checklist

Tents/Booths/Stands

- No smoking signs posted where propane is in use. 2014 OFC 3104.6
- Cooking operations are at least 20 feet from non-cooking tent/booth/stand 2014 OFC 3104.15.5
- Combustible vegetation, trash, and debris are not stored in and around tent/booth/stand. 2014 OFC 3104.22
- Tent has fire resistant certification label attached or available certificate. IFC 2014 3104.2
- Tent weight of 25 pounds per leg are required. Accepted types of weights are shown below. PVC style weights must be hung from the roof support of the canopy with the weight resting on the ground (policy revised February 2019). 2014 OFC: 3103.9
  - 144 square feet or less requires 25 pounds per leg or manufacturer’s recommendation, whichever is greater.
  - 144 to 700 square feet requires 40 pounds per leg or manufacturer’s recommendation, whichever is greater.
  - 701 square feet or greater requires approved documentation of structural stability.
  - If tents are lashed together, the total square feet is used to determine the weighting requirements.

PVC pipe filled with concrete (5"x30") creates a weight of 40 to 50 pounds. A PVC cap with a hole drilled in the top creates a good place to bolt an eyehook to hang it. These need to be hung by rope and not by bungie cords.

Sand weight bags or similar products that provide the required weight and are designed for the use.
Fire Extinguishers
- Non-cooking vendors – ABC type dry chemical (minimum rating of 2-A:10-B:C) distributed at no less than 75 feet travel distance. 2014 OFC: 3104.12
- Cooking with oil of more than 1 inch in depth requires a Class K fire extinguisher. Cooking with no oil or a depth of less than 1 inch requires a 3-A:40-B:C extinguisher. 2013 NFPA 10: 6.3.1.1, 6.6.1
- Fire extinguisher(s) are new or in good working condition with current service tags. 2013 NFPA 10: 7.3.2.1

Electrical
- Extension cords are not less than a 14 gauge (min. 15 amp rated) with three conductor grounded plug and receptacle or are sufficient gauge wire and type to serve the rated capacity of the appliance/equipment. 2014 OFC: 605.5
- Electrical wiring, devices, appliances and other equipment are in good working condition without splices, deterioration or damage. No modified or damaged equipment is used. 2014 OFC: 605.1

Flammable and Combustible Fuels
- Generators or fuel fired equipment are located at least 20 feet from tent or stand. Generators shall not be fueled while running or hot. 2014 OFC 305.1, 3104.19
- No Smoking signs posted around propane cylinders. 2014 OFC: 6107.2
- Propane cylinders/tanks are at least 10 feet from the tent/booth/stand. 2014 OFC: 3104.16.2.1
- Propane cylinders/tanks are secured from falling. 2014 OFC: 3104.16.3
- Propane tubing, piping, regulators, and connections were tested for leaks with a soapy water solution before cooking operations or after cylinder/tanks changes. 2014 OFC: 3104.16.3