



NORTHEAST CANNABIS BUSINESS CONFERENCE

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Fire and Safety Regulations

All exhibits and decorative materials must meet the requirements of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations – 780 CMR EIGHT EDITION (Building Code). The Massachusetts Department of Public Safety (DPS) has jurisdiction over all safety matters of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. The DPS, in conjunction with the City of Boston Fire Department (BFD), provide guidance to the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority for a safe venue for all guests and employees at our facilities.

- Nothing is permitted to block fire-fighting or other emergency equipment. This includes fire hose and extinguisher cabinet and fire pull boxes.
- Aisles and fire doors must be kept free for use.
- The hanging or rigging of signs, displays or banners, etc. shall not interfere with the building fire sprinkler system.
- The following items are fire hazards and are prohibited for use in the Hynes:
 - Compressed flammable gases, pyrotechnics, flammable/combustible liquids, hazardous chemicals/materials, blasting agents and explosives, cut evergreens, Spanish moss, untreated mulch, untreated hay, straw, charcoal, fireplace logs or similar materials.
- Open flames are not allowed.
- Any exhibit that produces fumes must receive prior written approval from Hynes and Exposition Management
- Any interior finish, either permanent or temporary, will be required to meet the requirements of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations – 780 CMR EIGHT EDITION (building code).
- All curtains, drapes, banners, decorations and acoustical material must be flame-retardant treated to the satisfaction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety.
- Combustible materials, an inch or more in thickness, glass or asbestos cloth may be used without flame-retardant treatment.
- The use of oilcloth, tarpaper, sisal paper, nylon, Orlon®, and certain other plastic materials that are not flame-retardant is prohibited.
- Exhibitors are prohibited from covering displays with drop cloths, sheets, table-cloths or other non-flame resistant material.
- Storage of combustible materials in meeting rooms, ballrooms or service corridors is prohibited.
- Exhibitors shall move, remove or arrange with the General Service Contractor to remove wooden pallets, shipping crates, cardboard boxes and other packing materials from the exhibit hall area as soon as possible. These items are not permitted in the exhibit halls during events.
- The following are the Hynes Convention Center's fire safety requirements for public display of motor vehicles assemblage occupancies:
 - Keys to start the vehicle, as well as any deactivation codes for security features, must be left with the Public Safety Department.
 - Be equipped with a locking (or taped) gas cap to prevent the escape of vapors. Fuel tanks shall not have more than three (3) gallons of fuel, or 1/8 tank, whichever is less. Exceptions: Recreational vehicles (RVs) may have up to ¼ tank of fuel.



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- Have at least one (1) battery cable used to start the engine, disconnected and the end of the disconnected battery cable, taped. It is preferred that the positive or “hot” cable be disconnected.
- Not be moved during exhibit hours. Vehicles may not be started or operated within the exhibit hall for the first 15 minutes after the exhibit hall closes to the public for the day or final closing of the event. No vehicle may be operated on the exhibit hall without a lead person walking in front of the vehicle warning people of vehicle movement.
- Fueling or defueling of vehicles is prohibited.