Commercial Cooking - Fire Safety Checklist

Commercial cooking operations present a significant fire risk to a property owner for property loss because of the availability of ignition sources (e.g. burners) and a high fuel-load (e.g. fats and grease). The following information can assist in assessing the fire exposures of commercial cooking operations.

	Yes	No	N/A
Are cooking appliances, such as ranges, deep fat fryers, and steamers, installed in compliance with NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations, published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)?			
Is kitchen equipment inspected on a regular basis? (i.e., quarterly for high-volume cooking operations, semiannually for moderate-volume cooking operations, and annually for low-volume cooking operations.)			
In addition to other kitchen equipment inspections, are solid fuel cooking appliances inspected at least monthly?			
Are hoods and ducts for collecting cooking vapors and residues constructed of steel or equivalent material, and equipped with easily accessible and removable noncombustible grease filters?			
Are trash containers made from non-combustible materials and equipped with a self-closing lid when the capacity exceeds 20 gallons?			
Are hoods and ducts vented to the exterior of the building, and provided with an accessible opening for inspection and cleaning?			
Are grease traps located under filters and pitched to drain into a metal container?			
Are cooking appliances installed with adequate clearance to prevent overheating of adjacent surfaces?			
Are deep-fat fryers installed with at least a 16-in. (4.06 cm) space between the fryer and surface fl ames of adjacent cooking equipment?			
Are deep-fat fryers equipped with automatic fuel cutoff valves?			
Are racks, trays, spacers, or containers placed inside ovens made of noncombustible materials that can be easily cleaned?			
Is solid-fuel cooking equipment, other than equipment of solid masonry or refractionary concrete, protected by a water-based fi re extinguishment system?			
Are class K fire extinguishers provided within 10 ft (3.05 m) of any cooking equipment?			
Are employees trained in the safe operation of cooking equipment, including combustion of fuel-air mixtures; explosion hazards; sources of ignition; and functions of control and devices?			

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Are operating instructions for cooking equipment readily accessible?				
Are control valves for gas service readily accessible and in good working condition?				

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