



LAS VEGAS FIRE & RESCUE

Fire Prevention Division

Information Sheet



The items listed are basic information only. Please refer to adopted codes for specific details. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.

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Candles & Open Flames

An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants or drinking establishments. **IFC 105.5.38**

Open-flame devices shall not be used in a Group A occupancy.

Exceptions:

1. Open-flame devices are allowed to be used in the following situations, provided that *approved* precautions are taken to prevent ignition of a combustible material or injury to occupants:
 - a. Where necessary for ceremonial or religious purposes in accordance with [Section 308.1.8](#).
 - b. On stages and platforms as a necessary part of a performance in accordance with [Section 308.3.2](#).
 - c. Where candles on tables are securely supported on substantial noncombustible bases and the candle flames are protected.

Where permitted open flame decorative devices must meet the following; **IFC 308.3.1**

1. Class I and Class II liquids and LP-gas shall not be used.
2. Liquid- or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces (237 ml) of fuel must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) if tipped over.
3. The device or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spillage of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) when the device or holder is not in an upright position.
4. The device or holder shall be designed so that it will return to the upright position after being tilted to an angle of 45 degrees (0.79 rad) from vertical.

Exception: Devices that self-extinguish if tipped over and do not spill fuel or wax at the rate of more than 0.25 teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) if tipped over.

5. The flame shall be enclosed except where openings on the side are not more than 0.375-inch (9.5 mm) diameter or where openings are on the top and the distance to the top is such that a piece of tissue paper placed on the top will not ignite in 10 seconds.
6. Chimneys shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device.

Exception: A chimney is not required to be attached to any open-flame device that will self-extinguish if the device is tipped over.

7. Fuel canisters shall be safely sealed for storage.
8. Storage and handling of *combustible liquids* shall be in accordance with [Chapter 57](#).
9. Shades, where used, shall be made of noncombustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device holder or chimney.
10. Candelabras with flame-lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning, and shall be located away from occupants using the area and away from possible contact with drapes, curtains or other combustibles.

Candles and open flames shall not be used on or near decorative vegetation. Natural cut-trees shall be kept a distance from heat vents and any open flame or heat-producing devices at least equal to the height of the tree. **IFC 806.3**