

# Food Truck Generator Safety

## Prevent poisoning and injury with these simple steps

Portable generators are used to power many of the appliances in food trucks when a direct source of electrical power is not available. These generators run on gasoline and can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or injury, if not used properly.

### PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

- **Generators create carbon monoxide** in their exhaust.
- **Carbon monoxide cannot be seen or smelled**, but it can sicken or even kill you.
- **Never use the generator inside a food truck** or any enclosed area.
- **Always run generators as far away from the food truck as possible.** Ideally, the generator should be 20 feet from a food truck or anywhere people are gathering.
- **Always aim the exhaust away** from people and structures.
- **Install a carbon monoxide detector** in your food truck to keep you safe.



### PREVENT ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

- **Never plug the generator into a wall outlet** unless an electrician has installed a transfer switch.
- **Keep the generator dry.** Dry your hands before using a generator.
- **Use the correct extension cord.** The cord should be heavy-duty and designed for outdoor use. It should be grounded (3-pronged) and have a rating that exceeds the wattage of all devices in use.
- **Make sure all electrical cords are in good condition**, not frayed or crimped.

### PREVENT FIRES

- **Never store** generator fuel near and ignition source.
- **Before refueling** a generator, turn it off and let it cool down.
- **Always follow** manufacturer instructions.



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