

Allen County Fire & EMS District

Code Enforcement Division

Food Truck & Mobile Food Vendor Inspections

The Allen County Fire & EMS District is responsible for inspecting food trucks in coordination with the Allen County Department of Health. This inspection must be completed before food can be sold in Allen County.

An ACFD Code Inspector is required to sign the Food Establishment Sign-Off Sheet, confirming that the inspection has been completed and that all required standards have been met. This sign-off sheet is obtained through the Allen County Department of Health.

What We Inspect For

During the fire safety inspection, our inspector will verify the following:

- **Portable fire extinguishers** — An ABC-rated portable fire extinguisher (10 lb. minimum) shall be provided, securely mounted, and carry a current inspection tag.
- **Class K extinguisher (where applicable)** — Cooking equipment using solid fuels or vegetable or animal oils and fats shall also be protected by a Class K-rated portable fire extinguisher, securely mounted and carrying a current inspection tag.

Reference: IFC 904.11.5 — Portable fire extinguishers for commercial cooking equipment.

- **Hood suppression system (where applicable)** — Cooking that produces grease-laden vapors — such as frying, griddling, or charbroiling — requires a Type I hood, and all Type I hoods shall be protected by an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system with a current inspection tag.

Reference: IFC 904.2.1 — Automatic fire-extinguishing systems for Type I hoods.

- Propane (LP-gas) systems, where applicable, have a shutoff located on the exterior of the unit, and propane tanks are adequately secured.
- Extension cords are not in use.

How the Process Works

Food truck and mobile food vendor permitting is handled by the Allen County Department of Health. The fire safety inspection performed by ACFD is one required step in that process. To complete it:

- Obtain the Food Establishment Sign-Off Sheet from the Allen County Department of Health.
- Contact the ACFD Code Enforcement Division to schedule your fire safety inspection.
- Once the unit passes, an ACFD Code Inspector will sign the sign-off sheet.
- Return the completed sign-off sheet to the Allen County Department of Health as part of your permit.

Questions about the fire safety inspection may be directed to the ACFD Code Enforcement Division. Questions about the food establishment permit itself should be directed to the Allen County Department of Health.

A Note on Licensing Changes

State licensing requirements for mobile retail food establishments are changing effective January 1, 2027. Operators should contact the Allen County Department of Health for current licensing information and application procedures. These changes affect food establishment licensing only; the fire safety requirements described above are not affected and continue to apply under the adopted fire code.