

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES



GENERAL ORDER

610.05



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<b>Fire Marshal</b>	<b>4/10/1995</b>	<b>1/5/2009</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**SUBJECT: Vehicles on Display in Occupancies**

**APPLICABILITY: All Fire Personnel/General Public**

1. The intent of this procedure is to provide a level of safety to the public whenever vehicles are kept inside a public building for display purposes.
2. General safety guidelines.
  - 2.1. In accordance with the Howard County Fire Code, Title 17.104, and NFPA 1, Section 20.1.4.5.4.12, the following provisions shall be followed.
    - 2.1.1. All fuel tank openings shall be locked and sealed in an approved manner to prevent the escape of vapors.
    - 2.1.2. At least one battery cable shall be disconnected from the battery (ies) used to start the vehicle engine. The cable(s) shall then be taped to prevent accidental energizing.
    - 2.1.3. Batteries used to power auxiliary equipment may be permitted to be kept in service. Requests for this exemption shall be received by the Fire Marshal’s Section prior to the date of the event. All requests shall include the method used to disable the vehicle from starting.
    - 2.1.4. Fueling or defueling of vehicles shall be prohibited once inside any structure.
    - 2.1.5. Vehicles shall not be started or moved during show hours.
    - 2.1.6. Displayer shall provide a name and a 24 hour telephone number for a responsible person for the vehicle. This information shall be kept with the vehicle, the security office and the management office.
    - 2.1.7. An ignition key and door key shall be made available. This may be with the security office or the management office.
    - 2.1.8. At no time shall the placement of the vehicle impede or otherwise block any exit or exit access.

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3. Gasoline powered vehicles

3.1. Fuel tanks shall not be more than one-half full or contain more than 10 gallons (37.9 Liters) of fuel, whichever is less.

4. LNG and LPG Vehicles

4.1. Compressed flammable gases are not allowed

4.2. The Fire Marshal's Section may permit limited use of flammable gases under special circumstances.

Approved:

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Fire Chief