

# 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.



## 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 an ignition source.
- Before refueling a generator, turn it off and let it cool down.
- Always follow manufacturer instructions.

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