


**FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR
RELIGIOUS EVENTS (INCLUDING FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS)**

Temporary events relating to religious practice, such as funerals and weddings, conducted at open fields (away from buildings) or HDB void decks do not require Temporary Change of Use Permit (TCOUP). However, organisers must comply with the relevant fire safety guidelines for such events. The guidelines are available under 'List of Fire Safety Conditions' on the SCDF website, accessible via the [Temporary Change of Use](#) link.

Cooking Activities (Where Applicable)

1. All cooking-related activities shall be conducted or positioned in a separate open area that is to be used solely for cooking and food preparation. In other words, there should not be any serving of food, food consumption or gathering of crowd. This area must be at least 3 metres from building facades (including awnings and shelters) and includes:
 - a. Cooking activities
 - b. Tentages erected for cooking purposes
 - c. Cooking stove(s)
 - d. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder(s)
2. In addition, a minimum separation distance of 3 metres shall be maintained between the LPG cylinder(s) and the:
 - a. Cooking stove(s)
 - b. Any passageways or exits, to ensure they do not cause obstruction or pose a danger to members of the public during a fire or gas leak
 - c. Parking/ignition sources of HDB block

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Requirements (Where Applicable)

3. LPG cylinders shall be protected from tampering or accidental damage by placing them in a suitable housing or cabinet made from non-combustible materials.
4. Each LPG housing or cabinet shall be limited to 2 x 12.7 kg cylinders. When more than one housing or cabinet is used, a minimum separation distance of 0.6 metres between units is required.
5. The total capacity of LPG permitted on site shall not exceed 76.2 kg, equivalent to 6 x 12.7 kg cylinders.
6. The cabinet shall be placed on firm, clean, dry, and level ground, and sited at ground level in a well-ventilated area to ensure that any gas leakage can disperse safely and rapidly.
7. The LPG flexible hose shall be kept away from direct flames and mechanical damages at all times.
8. A warning sign or notice, with minimum dimensions of 800 mm by 600 mm, shall be permanently displayed on the front of the LPG housing or cabinet.
9. At least one approved dry chemical fire extinguisher with a minimum capacity of 9 kg shall be provided at the LPG housing or cabinet.
10. All cooking-related activities, including those involving LPG cylinders, must be supervised at all times.

Other Fire Safety Precautionary Measures

11. LPG cylinders should not be left unattended or improperly secured overnight, and must be removed from the site immediately after the event ends.
12. No combustible materials are to be kept near the cooking area.

Religious Events at Open Fields (Outdoor Areas that are Open-to-Sky)

13. The maximum size of a single tentage (which must be single-storey) must not exceed 2,000 square metres.
14. All tentages and associated activities shall be positioned at least 3 metres away from building facades including awnings and shelters. All tentages shall remain fully open on all four sides (i.e., no barricades allowed) to allow swift evacuation during an emergency.
15. A canvas (with a maximum width of 3 metres) intended for sheltering purposes that links the tentage to the building may be allowed provided there are no goods/items underneath this canvas.
16. Class 'AB' portable fire extinguishers must be prominently displayed within tentage at 15-metre intervals for ease of use during emergencies.
17. Clear passageways of at least 1.2 metres shall be maintained within the tentage at all times, to allow swift evacuation during an emergency.
18. All escape routes must remain unobstructed at all times.
19. No objects, including the tentage structure itself, shall be located within 1.5 metres of any fire safety provisions, including fire hydrants and pit covers, breeching inlets of fire-fighting rising mains, and exit discharge from exit staircases of nearby buildings.
20. All generators shall be positioned at least 3 metres away from tentages and building facades including awnings and shelters.
21. At least 2 portable fire extinguishers of Class 'AB' type and a set of spill kit/absorbent kit (to absorb spillage and prevent it from spreading further) shall be provided in the vicinity of the generators.
22. Fire engine accessways (fire engine hardstanding) and fire engine access roads must remain unobstructed at all times.
23. Storage of combustible or flammable materials are not permitted.

Religious Events at HDB Void Decks

24. The erection of tentage within indoor or sheltered spaces is not permitted.
25. Class 'AB' portable fire extinguishers must be prominently displayed within tentage at 15-metre intervals for ease of use during emergencies.
26. Clear passageways of at least 1.2 metres shall be maintained at all times, to allow swift evacuation during an emergency.
27. All escape routes must remain unobstructed at all times.
28. No objects shall be located within 1.5 metres of any fire safety provisions, including fire hydrants and pit covers, breeching inlets of fire-fighting rising mains, and exit discharge from exit staircases of nearby buildings.
29. All generators shall be positioned at least 3 metres away from building facades including awnings and shelters.
30. At least 2 portable fire extinguishers of Class 'AB' type and a set of spill kit/absorbent kit (to absorb spillage and prevent it from spreading further) shall be provided in the vicinity of the generators.
31. Fire engine accessways (fire engine hardstanding) and fire engine access roads must remain unobstructed at all times.
32. Storage of combustible or flammable materials are not permitted.
33. There shall be no obstruction to any existing fire safety systems or provisions (e.g. fire hose reels, fire extinguishers), means of escape (e.g. escape staircases), or fire evacuation routes for the entire duration of the temporary event.