



The Bellevue Fire Department does not encourage the practice of preparing flaming foods and beverages within occupied buildings due to the dangers and risks involved. However, the practice is not prohibited. The International Fire Code (IFC) has specific criteria outlined below for flaming food and beverage to be conducted in a safe manner.

The preparation of flaming foods or beverages in places of assembly and drinking or dining establishments shall be in accordance with the following criteria:

PERMITS

An operational permit is required to use open flames or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas or restaurants, or drinking establishments.

For a permit application, contact the Bellevue Fire Prevention Division at 425-452-6872, or go to the following link:

<http://fire.bellevuewa.gov/fire-prevention/fire-permits/>

DISPENSING

Flammable or combustible liquids used in the preparation of flaming foods or beverages shall be dispensed from one of the following methods:

1. A 1-ounce container; or
2. A container not exceeding 1-quart capacity with a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to a 1-ounce serving.

CONTAINERS NOT IN USE

Containers shall be secured to prevent spillage when not in use.

SERVING OF FLAMING FOOD

The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of 8 inches above the receiving table.

Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being served. They shall not be transported or carried while burning.

The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering flames in the event of an emergency.