

Safety | Tips Commercial Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning

Can I clean a commercial kitchen exhaust?

The Alberta Fire Code sets out requirements for the frequent intervals of cleaning to be performed on hoods, grease removal devices, fans, ducts and other appurtenances; which are found in restaurants as well as commercial and institutional cooking operations.

The use, inspection and maintenance of commercial cooking equipment exhaust and fire protection systems shall be in conformance with the Alberta Fire Code and NFPA 96 (edition 2011), "Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations".

Anyone performing commercial kitchen exhaust cleaning must be qualified and approved to do so within the Province of Alberta.

Division C of the Alberta Fire Code states the following:

2.2.4. Qualifications

2.2.4.5. Commercial Cooking Equipment Exhaust Systems

1) Only qualified persons shall perform maintenance on commercial cooking equipment exhaust systems when they have obtained a certificate verifying they have completed an *approved* course of training in duct-cleaning procedures.

To date, the following are the only approved training courses accepted within the Province of Alberta:

- Phil Acklands Kitchen Exhaust Certifications and Training
- MFS Hood Cleaning

Any training or post secondary educational organization wishing to be a recognized training provider may contact the Provincial Fire Administrator at Municipal Affairs, Community and Technical Support, at 1-866-421-6929 or submit their course curriculum to safety.services@gov.ab.ca for the Fire Administrator's review.

Anyone providing kitchen exhaust cleaning that does not have an approved certificate of training may face charges under the Safety Codes Act. Any company that has had service provided by a non-certified kitchen exhaust cleaner should contact the local Authority Having Jurisdiction (local Fire Department/Fire Prevention Branch) to determine their next course of action.

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For more information, please call Municipal Affairs, Safety Services at 1-866-421-6929 or visit www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca

