# Safety Zone



# Hood/Duct Cleaning

There are two different recommendations that may be issued for Hood/Duct cleaning:

#### 1. Commercial Cooking Equipment - Hood/Duct System Semi-Annual Service

Inspect, clean and service exhaust ducts venting vapors from cooking surfaces to the outside on a semi-annual basis by a qualified, insured contractor. This helps to eliminate buildup of grease that is a potential fire hazard.

#### 2. Wok Cooking - Hood/Duct System Quarterly Service

Hire a qualified, licensed and insured contractor to service your hood/duct system on a quarterly contract basis, at minimum. The contractor should affix the system with a tag recording the date and service company of such service.

## **Staying in Compliance**

To comply with the recommendations, your insurance carrier requires proof of compliance. This can be achieved by obtaining a written contract with the professional hood/duct servicing company and providing this to your insurance carrier. A copy of the paid invoice stating the service date, work completed and next service required also should be given to



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the insurance carrier. When responding, for compliance, the recommendation letter should be dated and signed and a copy of the servicing contract and paid invoice should be attached.

For additional resources and other safety and risk management subjects, visit the AmTrust Loss Control website: https://amtrustfinancial.com/loss-control

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