Commercial Kitchens, Bakeries & Food Service: Scope & Hazard Boundaries

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Direct Answer: Commercial kitchen triage begins with four hard boundaries before any appliance moves: neutralizing alkaline Ansul UL-300 suppression residue, segregating health-department-condemned food stock, locking out commercial gas/3-phase utilities, and separating fixed Type I hood and walk-in structure from movable BPP appliances.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Kitchen / Bakery Zone	Primary Hazard or Peril Residue	Governing Authority / Hold	Typical Coverage Split	Mandatory Day-1 Crew Action
Hot Cookline (Ranges, Fryers, Charbroilers, Combi Ovens)	UL-300 wet chemical, polymerized grease, heavy soot	Fire Marshal / Subrogation origin hold	Appliances = BPP; Gas header = Building	Confirm LOTO + origin release; never drain fryer oil without containment
Type I Exhaust Hood, Plenum & UL-300 Tanks	Grease fire heat warp, discharged suppression piping	Fire Suppression Contractor / AHJ	Building or Tenant Improvements (TIB)	Tag as fixed mechanical; leave suppression nozzles undisturbed until inspected
Walk-In Coolers, Freezers & Ice Machines	Thermal outage spoilage, Cat 2/3 floor water	Local Health Dept (AHJ) food hold	Box panels = Building/TIB; Condenser check	Log box temps immediately; photograph food inside before condemnation haul
Bakery Mixers, Deck Ovens, Proofers & Sheeters	Flour-dust smoke cake, UL-300 salt, moisture in motors	OSHA / Electrical safety; OEM tech	BPP (verify bolted vs hardwired status)	Do not run wet/soot-caked motors; bag flour-coated controllers against humidity
Dishpit, 3-Compartment Sinks & Grease Traps	Cat 3 sewage backup, caustic detergent spills	Health Dept / Licensed Plumber	Plumbed sinks = TIB; Dishware = BPP	Establish Cat 3 PPE zone; separate leased chemical dispensers from client BPP
Dry Storage, Pantry & Packaging Stock	Smoke odor absorption, water-wicked cartons	Health Dept / Carrier Stock Adjuster	BPP Stock (wholesale cost basis)	Segregate sealed cans vs porous bags; follow J-21 perishable loss checklist

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Obtain written subrogation / NFPA 921 origin release before cleaning or moving any hood-suppression appliances or fusible links.

• Confirm licensed utility lockout/tagout (3-phase power, gas solenoid valves, steam lines, CO2 tanks) and drain cooled fryer oil before moving units.

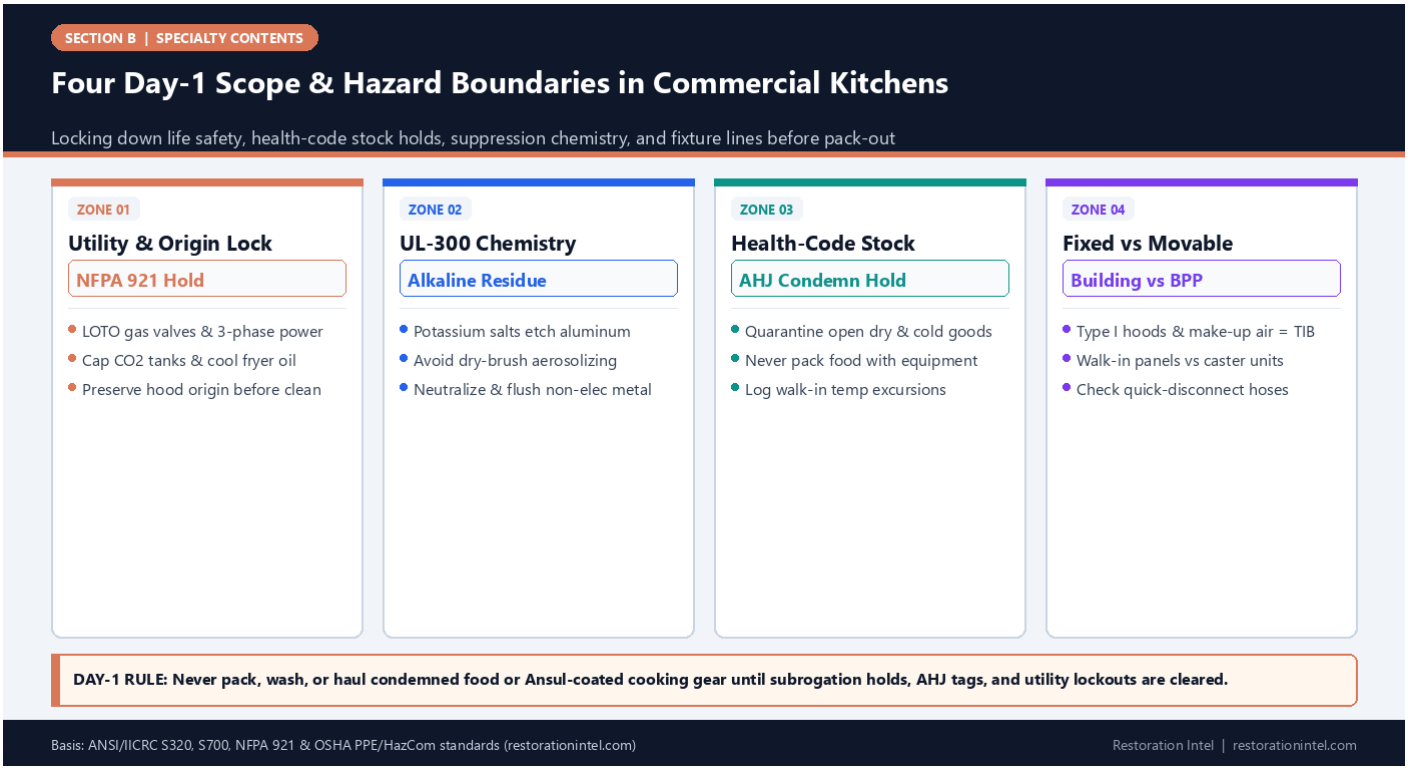
• Enforce OSHA HazCom SDS checks and PPE protocols when staging around alkaline UL-300 wet-chemical residue or grease-trap sewage.

• Separate health-department-condemned perishables and open dry ingredients from cleanable BPP equipment and photograph before haul-off.

• Document physical utility tie-ins (casters and quick-disconnects vs hard-ducted hoods and recessed walk-ins) for Building/TIB vs BPP routing.

• Tag leased vendor property (chemical dispensers, fountain towers, POS terminals, CO2 cylinders) on an excluded third-party log.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

- **Markdown Twin (plain text):** https://restorationintel.com/commercial-kitchens-bakeries-food-service-scope-hazard.md
- **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/
- **ANSI/IICRC S700 Fire & Smoke Restoration Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s700/
- **ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s500/
- **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:** https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132
- **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HazCom):** https://www.osha.gov/hazcom