

**\*Any Haunted House not legally in existence prior to December 2014 must comply with section 411  
“Special Amusement Buildings” of the 2014 Indiana Building Code**

**All other Haunted Houses that have been legally in existence before December 2014 must comply  
with Sec. 320 of the Indiana Fire Code.\***

**SECTION 320 Indiana Fire Code**

This section applies to haunted houses and similar installations legally in existence at the adoption of this code. Any interior within a structure not designed for this specific use shall comply with the following and all other applicable rules:

1. In any facility using the maze concept, there shall be no dead-end corridors and there shall be an obvious exit out of the maze for every fifty (50) feet (fifteen and twenty-four hundredths (15.24) meters) of linear travel. All stairways shall be illuminated at a level of a least one (1) foot-candle (eleven (11) lux).
2. A group shall consist of twenty (20) individuals or fewer. Each group shall be accompanied or supervised by a staff person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older. This staff person shall have in his or her possession an operable flashlight and shall be completely familiar with the facility.
3. There shall be no smoking allowed at any time by anyone inside the building.
4. All electrical installations shall meet 675 IAC 17, the Indiana Electrical Code.
5. The servicing fire department shall be contacted at least three (3) working days prior to the placing of the facility in operation for an inspection and planning of evacuation procedures. A sketch of the floor plan shall be provided to the servicing fire department to facilitate these procedures.
6. The total number of occupants in the facility at any time shall be limited to the number allowed by the total exits from the installation, as determined by the Indiana Building Code (675 IAC 13) in effect at the time of construction of the building, building system, or alterations.
7. Fire extinguishers shall be distributed throughout the building so that no more than seventy-five (75) feet (twenty-two and eighty-six hundredths (22.86) meters) must be traversed to each fire extinguisher.
8. There shall be no open flame devices or temporary heaters used in the building.
9. Automatic smoke detectors shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72 (675 IAC 22-2.2). All smoke detectors shall be interconnected so that when one is activated, all are activated. When activated, the alarm shall be loud enough to be heard over all other sounds or the activation shall automatically shut down all sound devices within the facility.
10. All areas of a maze shall be at least three (3) feet (ninety-one and four-tenths (91.4) centimeters) wide and five (5) feet (one and five hundred twenty-four thousandths (1.524) meters) high, except that a section not exceeding four (4) feet (one and twenty-two hundredths (1.22) meters) in length may be two (2) feet (sixty and ninety-six hundredths (60.96) centimeters) high and two (2) feet (sixty and ninety-six hundredths (60.96) centimeters) wide. There shall not be more than one (1) such four (4) foot (one and twenty-two hundredths (1.22) meter) section in every fifty (50) linear feet (fifteen and twenty-four hundredths (15.24) meters).
11. All material used in all display areas of a haunted house and all material used in the construction of a maze shall be inherently flame-resistant or made so by treatment with a flame retardant. All substances used to make materials flame-resistant shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, and the containers and proof of purchase of the substances shall be retained for inspection by the code official.

## 2014 INDIANA BUILDING CODE

### SECTION 411

#### SPECIAL AMUSEMENT BUILDINGS

**411.1 General.** *Special amusement buildings* having an *occupant load* of 50 or more shall comply with the requirements for the appropriate Group A occupancy and Sections 411.1 through 411.8. Amusement buildings having an *occupant load* of less than 50 shall comply with the requirements for a Group B occupancy and Sections 411.1 through 411.8.

**Exception:** Amusement buildings or portions thereof that are without walls or a roof and constructed to prevent the accumulation of smoke need not comply with this section.

For flammable *decorative materials*, see the *International Fire Code*.

**411.2 Definition.** The following term is defined in Chapter 2:

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**[F] 411.3 Automatic fire detection.** *Special amusement buildings* shall be equipped with an automatic fire detection system in accordance with Section 907.

**[F] 411.4 Automatic sprinkler system.** *Special amusement buildings* shall be equipped throughout with an *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1. Where the *special amusement building* is temporary, the sprinkler water supply shall be of an *approved* temporary means.

**Exception:** Automatic sprinklers are not required where the total floor area of a temporary *special amusement building* is less than 1,000 square feet (93 m<sup>2</sup>) and the travel distance from any point to an *exit* is less than 50 feet (15 240 mm).

**[F] 411.5 Alarm.** Actuation of a single *smoke detector*, the *automatic sprinkler system* or other automatic fire detection device shall immediately sound an alarm at the building at a *constantly attended location* from which emergency action can be initiated including the capability of manual initiation of requirements in Section 907.2.12.2.

**[F] 411.6 Emergency voice/alarm communications system.** An *emergency voice/alarm communications system* shall be provided in accordance with Sections 907.2.12 and 907.5.2.2, which is also permitted to serve as a public address system and shall be audible throughout the entire *special amusement building*.

**411.7 Exit Marking** Exit signs shall be installed at the required *exit* or *exit access doorways* of amusement buildings in accordance with this section and Section 1101.

*Approved* directional exit markings shall also be provided. Where mirrors, mazes or other designs are utilized that disguise the path of egress travel such that they are not apparent, *approved* and *listed* low-level exit signs that comply with Section 1011.5, and directional path markings *listed* in accordance with UL 1994, shall be provided and located not more than 8 inches (203 mm) above the walking surface and on or near the path of egress travel. Such markings shall become visible in an emergency. The directional exit marking shall be activated by the automatic fire detection system and the *automatic sprinkler system* in accordance with Section 907.2.12.2.

**411.7.1 Photo luminescent exit signs.** Where photo luminescent exit signs are installed, activating light source and viewing distance shall be in accordance with the listing and markings of the signs.

**411.8 Interior finish.** The *interior finish* shall be Class A in accordance with Section 803.1