

OUTDOOR FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

TEMPORARY STAGES

HOW TO COMPLY WITH INDIANA'S BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY LAWS

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is reaching out to every place where there might be an outdoor festival or event to provide information about **temporary stages which is different than “outdoor event equipment.”**

- Temporary stages are stages that are in place for fewer than 90 days in a calendar year.
- Temporary stages includes towers, booms, ramps, platforms, overhead assemblies, or other structures, including ancillary rigging, that are used or are intended to be used in connection with an outdoor performance and **that are attached or anchored to the stage.**
- Everyone’s help is needed to inform IDHS about any event where an outdoor stage might be used.
- Notification to IDHS can be provided through the Amusement and Entertainment permit online application at www.in.gov/dhs/2795.htm or by calling 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays and, at other times, at 1-888-203-5020.
- IDHS personnel will be inspecting every location, regardless of how notification is received.
- IDHS personnel inspect temporary stages to ensure compliance with Indiana’s building and fire safety laws. For more information on what is required, please review the information found at www.in.gov/dhs/2376.htm.
- IDHS is also reminding everyone that every festival, fair and similar event **MUST** have an amusement entertainment permit issued by IDHS before the event can open. The application process can be completed on-line at it at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/3552.htm>.

State Fire Marshal Greeson appreciates the public’s assistance in this vital public safety effort. For questions, please call 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays, and, at other times, 1-888-203-5020.

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