THE ELIMINATION OF CANOPIES

Use this section to answer the following questions:

... Where is the definition of a canopy found in the Indiana Fire Code?
... When did the concept of a canopy disappear from Chapter 31, IFC?
... Is a tent always a tent or could a tent be a canopy?
**DEFINITIONS**

**TENTS**

- A structure, enclosure or shelter
- With or without sidewalls or drops
- Fabric or pliable material
- Supported by any manner

  Except: by air or

  the contents it protects
THE DEFINITION OF A CANOPY IS NOW IN CHAPTER 2.

THE DEFINITION OF A CANOPY WAS REMOVED FROM CHAPTER 24, TENTS, CANOPIES AND OTHER ...

BEGINNING IN THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (MODEL)

THERE ARE STILL CANOPIES, BUT NOT IN RELATIONSHIP TO TENTS AND CHAPTER 31

THE % OF THE PERIMETER WHICH IS OPEN WITHOUT SIDEWALLS OR DROPS DOESN’T MATTER ANY MORE.
DEFINITIONS

CANOPIES

- A structure or architectural projection of rigid construction over which a covering is attached that provides weather protection, identity or decoration, and may be structurally independent or supported by attachment to a building on one end and by not less than one stanchion on the outer end.
CANOPY

Sec. 202
THE DEFINITION OF A CANOPY WAS REMOVED IN THIS MODEL CODE

IN OUR CURRENT IFC, 2014 Ed.
CANOPIES ARE GONE. A TENT IS A TENT.
A TENT WITH MESH SIDEWALLS IS STILL A TENT

A TENT WITH THE SIDEWALLS ROLLED UP IS STILL A TENT

THESE TWO PICTURES ARE NOT RELEVANT ANY LONGER

(this slide is from the 2008 Ed. IFC)
THIS CANOPY IS NOW A TENT AND MUST MEET THE FLAME RESISTANT REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 24.

THIS CONCEPT IS NOT RELEVANT ANY LONGER

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THE AREA OF THIS CANOPY IS 400 SQUARE FEET OR LESS.
SUMMARY

A TENT IS A TENT IS A TENT.
THESE ARE ALL TENTS.
Tents And Other Membrane Structures

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