USE PERIOD

Use this section to answer the following questions:

… What is the maximum number of days a “Scope” tent may be erected?
… Are the General Administrative Rules (GAR) applicable to tents?
… What is the maximum number of days a “Regular” tent may be erected?
TEMPORARY TENTS, AIR – SUPPORTED, AIR – INFLATED OR TENSIONED MEMBRANE STRUCTURES SHALL NOT BE ERECTED FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 DAYS WITHIN A 12–MONTH PERIOD ON A SINGLE PREMISES.
IN ORDER TO DETERMINE AND UNDERSTAND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS A “SCOPE” TENT MAY BE ERECTED, ONE MUST UNDERSTAND COMPOUND SCENARIOS. (THIS IS A METHOD OF REASONING AND IS EXPLAINED IN IT’S OWN SECTION LATER IN THIS PRESENTATION.) BOTH THE IFC AND THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (GAR) WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE ANSWER.
Compound Scenario

1\textsuperscript{st}: DEAL WITH THE “SCOPE” TENT - IS THERE OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING?

2\textsuperscript{nd}: ADDRESS THE ACTIVITY UNDER THE TENT - IN THIS CASE, THIS IS ODD - USE PERIOD.

3\textsuperscript{rd}: DEAL WITH THE TIME THE TENT HAS BEEN ERECTED - THE “GAR” MAY BE USED.
Compound Scenario

- THIS SCENARIO IS A “SCOPE” TENT; 400 SQ. FT. OR LESS

- WITH AN ACTIVITY INSIDE THE TENT OTHER THAN OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING

- DUE TO THE SIZE OF THIS TENT AND THE ACTIVITY INSIDE THE TENT

- THE SCOPE IS THE ONLY APPLICABLE CODE SECTION IN CH. 31
THE 3 CODE SECTIONS AMENDED IN THE SCOPE ARE 3104.7, 3104.15.5 AND 3104.15.6

THESE 3 CODE SECTIONS PERTAIN TO OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING

THE USE PERIOD FOR THIS TENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OPEN FLAME AND / OR COOKING, THEREFORE,

DUE TO THE WAY THE SCOPE HAS BEEN WRITTEN, THIS TENT DOES NOT HAVE TO MEET ANYTHING IN CH. 31
Sec. 3103.5, IFC is not applicable due to the Scope.

There is no maximum time limit from the IFC for “Scope” tents.

Sec. 3103.5
Compound Scenario

1\textsuperscript{st}: DEAL WITH THE “SCOPE” TENT - IS THERE OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING?

2\textsuperscript{nd}: ADDRESS THE ACTIVITY UNDER THE TENT - IN THIS CASE, THIS IS ODD - USE PERIOD.

3\textsuperscript{rd}: DEAL WITH THE TIME THE TENT HAS BEEN ERECTED - THE “GAR” MAY BE USED.

This first step is important because one has to decide if there are any sections of Ch. 31 applicable. Once one determines there is no open or exposed flame and / or cooking then one knows that all of Ch. 31 is silent. In this scenario that is true. Go to step 2.

**THIS TENT DOES NOT HAVE TO MEET ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN CH. 31.**
Compound Scenario

For step 2, ask the following questions:
Are there any rules of the FPBSC which address use period?
(in this case, the time the tent has been erected)
Are temporary structures covered in any rule of the FPBSC?

1st: DEAL WITH THE “SCOPE” TENT - IS THERE OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING?

2nd: ADDRESS THE ACTIVITY UNDER THE TENT - IN THIS CASE, THIS IS ODD - USE PERIOD.

3rd: DEAL WITH THE TIME THE TENT HAS BEEN ERECTED - THE “GAR” MAY BE USED.

THIS TENT DOES NOT HAVE TO MEET ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN CH. 31.
DEFINITIONS – TEMPORARY STRUCTURE

A CLASS 1 STRUCTURE THAT IS ERECTED OR INSTALLED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE DEMOLISHED OR RELOCATED

COULD A TENT BE CONSIDERED A CLASS 1 STRUCTURE? GO TO THE NEXT SLIDES FOR THIS DISCUSSION
DEFINITIONS – CLASS 1 STRUCTURE

A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE THAT IS INTENDED TO BE OR IS OCCUPIED OR OTHERWISE USED IN ANY PART BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

... THE PUBLIC
... THREE (3) OR MORE TENANTS
... ONE (1) OR MORE PERSONS WHO ACT AS THE EMPLOYEES OF ANOTHER
ADDITIONALLY IN THE DEFINITION OF A CLASS 1 STRUCTURE, THERE IS NO DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS NOR OF THE SIZE OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE

THEREFORE, BY FOLLOWING THE 3 CRITERIA DEFINING A CLASS 1 STRUCTURE, ONE CAN SEE THAT A TENT IS A CLASS 1 STRUCTURE
Compound Scenario

1st: DEAL WITH THE “SCOPE” TENT - IS THERE OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME AND / OR COOKING?

2nd: ADDRESS THE ACTIVITY UNDER THE TENT - IN THIS CASE, THIS IS ODD - USE PERIOD.

3rd: DEAL WITH THE TIME THE TENT HAS BEEN ERECTED - THE “GAR” MAY BE USED.

Step 3: How long has the “Scope” tent been erected?
Chapter 31, IFC is not applicable due to the amendment to the Scope. The GAR is applicable and uses 90 days as the maximum time limit.

THIS TENT DOES HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE GAR.
THEREFORE, THE MAXIMUM TIME A “SCOPE” TENT MAY BE ERECTED IS 90 DAYS

THIS IS DERIVED BY KNOWING HOW THE AMENDMENT TO THE SCOPE HAS CHANGED CHAPTER 31

AND HOW THE GAR DEFINES TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND SETS THE TIME LIMIT OF 90 DAYS
THIS SLIDE IS SHOWING THE REQUIREMENTS FROM THE GAR.

THERE IS A MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT OF 90 DAYS FROM THE GAR FOR "SCOPE" TENTS.
SUMMARY: the following code sections govern this scenario

- **Sec. 3101.1 – Scope**

  THIS IS THE ONLY CODE SECTION THAT APPLIES IN CH. 31.

- **General Administrative Rules**

  675 IAC 12-6-2

  **Definitions**

  - Class 1 structure.
  - Temporary structure.
  - Both applicable to this scenario.
Amendment; LSA Doc. # 13 - 341 ( F )
675 IAC 22 - 2.5 ( eff. 12 - 01 - 14 )

- THIS SCENARIO IS A “REGULAR” TENT; IN EXCESS OF 400 SQ. FT.

- WITH AN ACTIVITY INSIDE THE TENT. (NOTE: THE ACTUAL ACTIVITY DOESN’T MATTER FOR USE PERIOD)

- DUE TO THE SIZE OF THIS TENT, ALL OF CHAPTER 31 IS APPLICABLE

- THEREFORE, SECTION 3103.5, USE PERIOD, APPLIES
TEMPORARY TENTS, AIR – SUPPORTED, AIR – INFLATED OR TENSIONED MEMBRANE STRUCTURES

SHALL NOT BE ERECTED FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 30 DAYS WITHIN A 12 – MONTH PERIOD ON A SINGLE PREMISES
Comparing “Scope” tents to “Regular” tents

WITH “SCOPE” TENTS, THE GAR WAS USED BECAUSE SEC. 3103.5, USE PERIOD IS NOT APPLICABLE. THE TIME PERIOD IS NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

WITH “REGULAR” TENTS THE GAR IS STILL APPLICABLE BUT IT IS NOT USED. SEC. 3103.5 AND THE 30 DAY MAXIMUM WILL ARRIVE QUICKER THAN THE 90 DAYS FROM THE GAR.
There is one more code section to study concerning Use Period. It is from the Indiana Building Code; Sec. 3103.1, General, Temporary Structures. The text is, “Tents and other membrane structures erected for a period of less than 180 days shall comply with the International Fire Code. Those erected for a longer period of time shall comply with applicable sections of this code.” (the words “this code” means the Indiana Building Code.) This section makes sense but will never be used. A “scope” tent is limited to 90 days by the General Administrative Rules and a “regular” tent is limited to 30 days by Chapter 31, Indiana Fire Code. The time period of 180 days will never be reached.
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