THE SCOPE AND HOW IT EFFECTS CHAPTER 31

Use this section to answer the following questions:

… Where does the 400 sq. ft. limit come from?

… Is “open or exposed flame” and/or cooking addressed in the Scope?

… Does a tent in excess of 400 sq. ft. have to meet all of the requirements in Chapter 31?
EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN

SECTIONS 3104.7

3104.15.5

3104.15.6

TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES HAVING AN AREA IN EXCESS OF 400 SQUARE FEET SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 31.
EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN

SECTIONS 3104.7  OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME
3104.15.5  COOKING TENTS
3104.15.6  OUTDOOR COOKING

TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES HAVING AN AREA IN EXCESS OF 400 SQUARE FEET SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 31.
Except as otherwise provided in Sections 3104.7, 3104.15.5, and 3104.15.6, tents and membrane structures having an area in excess of 400 square feet shall be in accordance with Chapter 31.
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Sec. 3101.1

SCOPE

TENTS

400 SQ. FT. OR LESS

IN EXCESS OF 400 SQ. FT.

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THIS GROUP DOESN’T HAVE TO COMPLY WITH ANYTHING IN CH. 31 UNLESS THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING COVERED IN:

SECTIONS ... 

3104.7 - OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME 
3104.15.5 - COOKING TENTS 
3104.15.6 - OUTDOOR COOKING
TENTS

400 SQ. FT. OR LESS

WHEN THIS GROUP IS DOING SOME THING COVERED IN SECTIONS ...

3104.7 - OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME
3104.15.5 - COOKING TENTS
3104.15.6 - OUTDOOR COOKING

THEN ONLY THOSE REQUIREMENTS FOUND IN THOSE 3 SPECIFIC CODE SECTIONS ARE APPLICABLE

Sec. 3101.1
THIS GROUP HAS TO COMPLY WITH EVERYTHING IN CH. 31

IN EXCESS OF 400 SQ. FT.
SUMMARY

THE ANSWERS TO THESE THREE QUESTIONS INFLUENCE ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN CH. 31.

- WHAT IS THE SIZE OF THE TENT?
- DOES THE TENT HAVE ANY SIDEWALLS OR DROPS?
- WHAT IS THE ACTIVITY OCCURRING UNDER THE TENT?
Tents And Other Membrane Structures

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