

OUTDOOR FESTIVALS AND FAIRS

OUTDOOR EVENT EQUIPMENT

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 **outdoor event equipment (which is equipment not attached to a stage)**, including new inspection regulations and rules.

- As of March 16, 2012, under Senate Enrolled Act 273, outdoor event equipment is now defined as a Class 1 structure and is being regulated and inspected.
- Outdoor event equipment is any temporary or permanent towers, booms, ramps, platforms, overhead assemblies, or other structures, including ancillary rigging, that is used or is intended to be used in connection with an outdoor performance and **that is not otherwise attached or anchored to a stage**.
- IDHS personnel inspect outdoor event equipment now.
- All venues planning an event where outdoor event equipment will be used must notify IDHS at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the event.
- Notification to IDHS can be provided through the Amusement and Entertainment permit online application at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/code-enforcement/application-for-amusement-and-entertainment-permit/> or by calling 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays and, at other times, at 1-888-203-5020.
- The outdoor event equipment rules, adopted by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission in 675 IAC 29, contain design and construction requirements as well as requirements for inspections of outdoor stage equipment. These rules can be downloaded at this website: http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_title?iact=675 by clicking on the link next to Article 29.
- IDHS is 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 online at it at <https://www.in.gov/dhs/fire-and-building-safety/applications-forms-and-permits/>.
- Everyone's help is needed to inform IDHS about any event where outdoor event equipment might be used.
- IDHS personnel will be inspecting every location, regardless of how notification is received.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal appreciates the public's assistance in this vital public safety effort. For questions, please call 317-232-2222 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, and, at other times, 1-888-203-5020.

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