



# REGULATED PLACES OF AMUSEMENT OR ENTERTAINMENT

## OVERVIEW

A regulated place of amusement or entertainment permit must be obtained from IDHS before a regulated place of amusement or entertainment can be used for an amusement or entertainment (see Indiana Code § 22-14-3-5). Please note, non-public schools and schools operated by a school corporation are exempt from the requirement of obtaining a permit for their amusement or entertainment events, but they must still be inspected annually to determine compliance with Indiana's fire safety laws.

## WHAT IS A REGULATED PLACE OF AMUSEMENT OR ENTERTAINMENT?

A regulated place of amusement or entertainment is defined in IC § 22-12-1-23 and 675 IAC 12-9-2. These are "places" where a performance or show is held for consideration or promotional purposes that is designed to amuse or divert an assembly of people. A "place" is defined in 675 IAC 12-9-2(d) and means:

- A building or room capable of being classified as a group A occupancy under the Indiana building code.
- A structure capable of being classified as a group A-5 occupancy under the Indiana building code.
- A designated outdoor area where temporary or permanent regulated amusement devices are located.

Below is a list of common places that require a permit prior to hosting an amusement or entertainment event:

- Adult clubs with live entertainment
- Any location where a regulated amusement device is operated (e.g., fairs, festivals, carnivals, amusement parks)
- Night clubs, bars, or restaurants with a dance floor, stage show, or performer
- Comedy clubs
- Dance halls
- Haunted houses
- Indoor event venues with a stage, a dance floor, or that will be used by performers before an audience

- Indoor or outdoor sports arenas with spectator seating (if outdoor, there must be bleachers, grandstands, or a stadium)
- Karaoke bars
- Movie theaters
- Outdoor theaters, stadiums, or stages (i.e., a structure classified as an A-5)
- Opera houses
- Theaters

Please note that the locations above must also meet the definition of a “place” in 675 IAC 12-9-2(d) in order to be regulated.

## **APPLY FOR A PERMIT**

To apply for a permit, go to the IDHS website ([in.gov/dhs](http://in.gov/dhs)) and complete a request for a permit. Before a permit can be issued, you will be required to pay a fee (unless exempt) and your facility must be inspected and found in compliance with all applicable fire safety laws. Permits must be renewed annually.