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TEMPORARY STAGES

HOW TO COMPLY WITH INDIANA'S BUILDING AND FIRE SAFETY LAWS

The State Fire Marshal's Office, a division of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, is reaching out to every place where there might be an outdoor festival or event to provide information about **"temporary stages" which is different than "outdoor stage equipment."**

- IDHS/State Fire Marshal Office personnel **have always inspected temporary stages** for compliance with Indiana's building and fire safety laws. A link to a summary of those requirements is at www.in.gov/dhs/2376.htm.
- Temporary stages are those that are in place for fewer than 90 days in a calendar year.
- A temporary stage includes towers, booms, ramps, platforms, overhead assemblies, or other structures, including ancillary rigging, that are used or are intended to be used in connection with an outdoor performance and **that are attached or anchored to the stage**.
- Everyone's help is needed to let the IDHS/State Fire Marshal's Office know about any event where an outdoor stage might be used.
- Notification can be provided through the Amusement and Entertainment permit online application at www.in.gov/dhs/2795.htm or call 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays and, at other times, at 1-888-203-5020.
- IDHS/State Fire Marshal's Office personnel will be inspecting every location, regardless of how notification is received.
- State Fire Marshal Jim Greeson also is reminding everyone that every festival, fair and similar event MUST have an amusement entertainment permit issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office before the event can open. The application process can be completed on-line and you can access it at http://www.in.gov/dhs/3552.htm.

Marshal Greeson appreciates the public's assistance in this vital public safety effort. For questions, please call 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays, and, at other times, 1-888-203-5020.

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- As of March 16, 2012, under Senate Enrolled Act 273, outdoor stage equipment is now defined as a Class 1 structure and is being regulated and inspected for the first time in Indiana.
- Outdoor stage equipment means any temporary or permanent towers, booms, ramps, platforms, overhead assemblies, or other structures, including ancillary rigging, that are used or are intended to be used in connection with an outdoor performance and **that are not otherwise attached or anchored to a stage.**
- IDHS/State Fire Marshal personnel are inspecting outdoor stage equipment now.
- All venues planning an event where outdoor stage equipment will be used must notify Marshal Greeson's Office at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the event.
- Notification to the IDHS/State Fire Marshal's Office can be provided through the Amusement and Entertainment permit online application at www.in.gov/dhs/2795.htm or by calling 317-232-2222 between 8:00 and 4:30 weekdays and, at other times, at 1-888-203-5020.
- The new rules to be adopted by the Fire & Building Safety Commission on May 2 are expected to contain design and construction requirements as well as requirements for inspections of outdoor stage equipment. Rules will be posted on the IDHS website at www.in.gov/dhs, http://www.in.gov/dhs/2376.htm and http://www.in.gov/dhs/2375.htm.
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