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Tent Requirements

Tents are required to comply with the requirements specified under the 2009 IFC referenced in the 2009 IBC (Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR, 8th Edition). Section 3103.1 of the 2009 IBC refers tents and membrane structures to be reviewed using the 2009 IFC where items are not specially covered under 527 CMR 1.00.

Tents are to comply with Chapter 24 of 2009 IFC.

Review of construction documents required under Section 2403.6:

Below are listed some of the requirements of Chapter 24, this is not all inclusive and all subsections should be considered before plans are submitted.

1. Detailed site plan to be provided. This is needed to evaluate exit discharge and fire department access requirements set by Sections 2403.6 and 2403.8 of 2009 IFC.
2. Site plans needed to confirm access meets Section 2403.8.1.
3. Site plans needed to confirm location requirements meet Section 2403.8.2.
4. Plans needed to confirm tent meets 12 ft. fire break requirement of Section 2403.8.6.
5. Means of egress to meet Section 2403.12. Number of exits required to meet Section 2403.12.2.
6. All aisles and seating arrangement to be clearly indicated per Section 2403.12.5.

Please reference Chapter 24 of 2009 IFC.
