

TENT PERMIT – FIRE REQUIREMENTS

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These requirements do NOT apply to tents that have an area of 30m² (323sq feet) or less AND are used for camping, personal or *non-commercial uses*.

When applying for a tent permit, there are fire safety requirements to be met. We recommend that you review these requirements (with the tent supplier, if applicable) prior to installation/set-up for fire department approval of your event.

Fire Safety Requirements Checklist √:

- A Fire Safety Plan-** *A Fire Safety Plan (FSP) is a document designed to provide fire safety information and direction in the event of a fire emergency. FSP must be approved by the Perth East Fire Department prior to any event. Contact us for a sample FSP.*
- Number of Fire Extinguishers-** *Your tent will require one 7 lb. (3A-40BC) fire extinguisher per 80 feet (25m) of travel distance in any direction from any point within the tent (perimeter and inner area).*
- Emergency Lighting-** *Emergency lighting is required in tent assemblies with an occupancy load of 60 or more people. Emergency lighting must provide illumination for a minimum of 30 mins. in a power outage.*
- Must Have a Minimum of Two Exits-** *Exits must be clearly identifiable and clear of clutter, (tables, chairs, etc.). Events with an occupancy of 150 people or more require EXIT signage over the exit openings of the tent. Signs must be visible at all times, day or night.*
- Flame Resistance Rating-** *The tent and all decorative material fabrics used in conjunction with the tent must be certified to CAN/ULC-S109 “Flame Test of Flame-Resistant Fabrics and Films”, or “NFPA 701, Fire Test for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films”.*
- Provisions for Firefighting-** *Access shall be provided to all tents for the purpose of firefighting.*
- Clearance to Flammable Materials-** *The ground area enclosed by a tent, and not less the 3 m area around the tent shall be clear of all flammable or combustible materials or vegetation that will carry fire.*
- Clearance to Other Structures-** *Tents shall not be erected closer than 3m to property line or any other structure(s).*