



ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PROTECTION STANDARD

GENERAL CARNIVAL/FAIR REQUIREMENTS
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PURPOSE:

To provide a guideline for carnivals/fairs so as to meet and comply with the California Fire Code and the Ontario Municipal Code.

AUTHORITY:

Places of assembly, including outdoor carnivals and fairs, shall be in accordance with California Fire Code (CFC) Section 2501.1

PROCEDURE:

1. A fire department permit for carnivals/fairs must be obtained prior to the event. (CFC 105.c.2)
2. Fire department access roads must be provided. They must have an unobstructed width of not less than 26 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 13 feet and six inches. (CFC 2504.2.2)
3. Each ride and the entire midway must be equipped with a minimum of one fire extinguisher with a rating of not less than 2A:10B:C. A 40B:C or K rated dry chemical fire extinguisher must be provided where deep-fat fryers are used. (CFC 2504.3.3 and 2504.4.4)
4. Maximum travel distance to a portable fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet. (CFC 2504.2.3.2)
5. Each extinguisher must have a service tag or sticker with the State Fire Marshal seal on it. Extinguishers must be serviced annually and the gauge must show there is pressure. (T-19 597.1)
6. Electrical wiring must be in good condition and in accordance with the Electrical Code. (CFC 2504.2.4)
7. Internal combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by either physical guards, fencing or an enclosure. (CFC 2504.4.3)

8. Generators and vehicles must be a minimum of 20 feet away from any structure, ride, tent or canopy. (CFC 3219)
9. Refueling shall be conducted only when the ride is NOT in use. (CFC 2504.4.2)
10. Concession stands utilized for cooking shall have a minimum of 10 feet of clearance on two sides and shall not be located within 10 feet of amusement rides or devices. (CFC 2504.3.2)
11. Drapes, hangings, curtains, drops, tents and canopies shall be fire retardant and have a State Fire Marshal certificate. (CFC 1103.3.3.1 and 3207)
12. Tents in excess of 200 square feet and canopies in excess of 400 square feet require an additional fire department tents/canopies permit. Please see the guideline regarding tent/canopy requirements. (CFC 105.t.1)
13. Each ride must have the required State of California inspection sticker. (OSHA: Title 8, Article 35, Section 3917)
14. Proper permit issued by OSHA must be obtained prior to City of Ontario approval for operation. (OSHA: Title 8, Section 3915)