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TENT REQUIRMENTS

The Rhode Island Uniform Fire Code requires any tent over 120 square feet be licensed and inspected. This includes cooking tents and other ancillary tents. To pass Fire Code inspection you need the following:

- 1.) A certificate of flammability rating for each section of tent.
- 2.) No smoking signs.
- 3.) Fire extinguishers.
- 4.) Exit signs. If the tent will be populated after dark, these exit signs must be illuminated and have a back-up power source in the event the main power goes out.
- 5.) If the tent is populated after dark, there must be emergency lighting provided for the tent.
- 6.) Any electrical cords used must have a label indicating they have been approved by a listing company such as U.L. or Factory Mutual.
- 7.) Ground Fault Indicator circuits for all electrical circuits used in the tent.
- 8.) Warming equipment such as Sterno is allowed. Small candles in a closed container with a solid non-combustible base may be used. Battery operated candles are encouraged and safer.

- 9.) All decorations or combustible materials in the tent must be fire retardant treated with a flammability certificate provided.
- 10.) There may be no trip hazards.
- 11.) There must be adequate egress from the tent. This includes an area away from the tent.
- 12.) There shall be no pyrotechnics in or near the tent.
- 13.) For week-end events, tents must be set up, including flammability documentation, exit signs and emergency lighting, by 12:00 P.M. Friday prior to the event. For weekday events, the tent must be set up by 12:00 P.M. the day of the event.
- 14.) Contact the Building Department regarding permits for electrical work or other permits.
- 15.) Schedule an appointment for inspection by the Fire Prevention Officer and Building Official at least 1 week prior to the event.
- 16.) If fueled heaters are to be used for the tent, Carbon Monoxide detectors must be provided, as per detector listing.
- 17.) Any event that will be attended by over 200 people requires a firefighter detail. The Fire Department must be notified for the need of a detail man at least one week prior to the event.
- 18.) This list is NOT a comprehensive list. If you have any questions contact the Middletown Fire Department Fire Prevention Office at 845-0444.