

RI State Fire Safety Code
TENT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**ALL TENTS REQUIRING A LICENSE/ PERMIT ARE
REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED PRIOR TO USE**

General Requirements

1. Licenses are required for tents greater than 120 square feet. Licenses are valid for not more than (30) days. **RILSC 23-28.19-1**
2. Flame resistance certificates are required for ALL tents greater than (120 sq.ft.) Flame resistance certificates are valid for (10) years. **NFPA 1 25.2.2**
3. Portable fire-extinguishing equipment of approved types shall be furnished and maintained in tents in such quantity and in such locations as directed by the AHJ. **NFPA 1 25.2.5**
4. All flammable and combustible materials shall be cleared from within (10 ft.) of any tent to be occupied by the public. **NFPA 1 25.2.4.1**
5. All electrical installations shall be inspected and approved by the Town Electrical Inspector.
6. A scaled floor plan shall be submitted for all tents greater than 120 square feet. **RILSC 23-28.19-1**
7. Tents shall be erected to cover not more than 75 percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the authority having jurisdiction. **NFPA 101 11.11.1.3**
8. Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from temporary membrane structures and tents by a minimum of 5 ft (1.5 m) and shall be protected from contact by fencing, enclosure, or other approved means. **NFPA 1 25.1.12**

Exit Signs & Emergency Lighting

9. Exit signs shall be provided for all tents with sides. **NFPA 101 12.10**
10. Emergency Lighting shall be provided for every tent over 1200 square feet. **NFPA 101 12.2.9.2**

Smoking

11. Smoking is prohibited in all tents covered by this regulation. **RILSC 23-28.19-11**

12. NO SMOKING signs shall be posted at all entrances. **RILSC 23-28.19-11**
13. Metal receptacles shall be located at all entrances for disposal or smoking materials prior to entering tent. **RILSC 23-28.19-11**

**MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF TENT TO BE DETERMINED BY FIRE MARSHAL
BASED ON SIZE OF TENT AND SET UP OF INTERIOR OF TENT USING
SUBMITTED SCALE DRAWING**

Detailing of Uniformed Firefighters

14. Uniformed firefighters shall be assigned according to the following:
 - Class A Places of Assembly: one thousand (1000) or more people at least (2) firefighters on duty, or many as deemed necessary by Fire Chief for the event(s).
 - Class B Places of Assembly: three hundred and one (301) people to one thousand (1000) people at least (1) firefighter on duty, or as many as deemed necessary by Fire Chief for the event(s).
 - Class C Places of Assembly: fifty (50) people to three hundred (300) people at least (1) firefighter on duty, or as many as deemed necessary by Fire Chief for the event(s).
This requirement may be waived by the Fire Chief on a situational basis.

Heating and Cooking

15. Cooking is not allowed under any tent that is under the guidelines of this standard unless it can meet the requirements of item #16.
16. Cooking equipment used in fixed, mobile, or temporary concessions, such as trucks, buses, trailers, pavilions, **tents**, or any form of roofed enclosure, shall comply with **NFPA 96** unless all or part of the installation is exempted by the AHJ. **RILSC NFPA 1 50.2.9**

All solid fuel cooking equipment shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 14 of NFPA 96, Standard for Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations. **RILSC NFPA 1 50.2.6**
17. A fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of (2A-20BC) shall be readily available within all cooking areas.