



TEMPORARY EVENT TENTS AND THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE (OBC)

Tents less than 6_0 m² in area

- No building permit is required.

Tents between 61m² and 225 m² in area (646 sq.ft. - 2420 sq.ft.)

- Building permit is required with Professional Engineer Tent Assembly/Anchorage specs.
- Application must include a completed Provincial application form (available on the website under the Building Division page), site plan indicating the location of the tent with setbacks to other buildings and property lines shown.
- Must maintain 3m to property lines and other structures.
- Ground enclosed by the tent must be clear of flammable material (grass cut short is acceptable)
- Copy of flame resistance certification required - must state compliance with either NFPA 701 or CAN/UC-S109
- Access must be provided for firefighting (must be easily approachable by emergency personnel).

Tents greater than 225m² in area (over 2420 sq.ft.)

- All requirements for tents 61m² - 225m² apply as well as the following:
- Professional Engineer must design the supporting framing structure and anchorage system, **sign a commitment to review form and inspect the tent after it is erected, but before it is in use.**
- A copy of the Engineer's report is to be submitted to the Building Division
- Sanitary facilities must be provided in compliance with the Building Code.

General Requirements

- If more than one tent is used and they/lre placed within 3m of each other, the total area of all such tents are considered as if they were only one tent
- Building permit application must be submitted at least 10 days prior to erection
- The addition of bleachers or side walls automatically puts the tent into the greater than 225m² category regardless of size

An inspection is required prior to the tent being put into use. Fire prevention staff accompany the Building Inspector to perform a joint inspection organized via the Building Division.