



City of Albuquerque

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Official List of Approved Special Amusement Event (Haunted House) Guidelines

1. A haunted house regardless of occupant load shall meet the requirements for assembly occupancies. Exceptions: unless the special amusement Building is a multi-level play structure. ***International Building Code 2015 Section 411.1***
2. Every haunted house shall be protected throughout by an automatic sprinkler system installed and maintained in accordance with section 9.7 (Exception: automatic sprinklers are not required where the total floor area of a temporary special amusement building is less than 1000 feet and the travel distance from any point to an exit is less than 50 feet.) ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 914.7.1; International Building Code 2015 Section 411.4; Life Safety Code 2015 Section 13.3.5.1***
3. Where a haunted house is operating in reduced lighting, the building shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic smoke detection system in accordance with section 9.6. ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 914.7.4***
4. All new or existing Group A occupancies that are required a fire alarm notification system shall be provided with a shunt to stop any conflicting or confusing sounds or visual distractions upon activation of fire alarm systems. The actuation of sprinklers or any suppression systems, smoke detection systems must provide an increase in illumination of means of egress and termination of any conflicting or confusing sounds or visual distractions. ***City Ordinance 907.2.1.1 International Fire Code 2015 Section 907.2.12.2***
5. Provide approved means of egress with no dead end corridors in excess of 20 feet. ***International Fire Code 2015 Sections 1018.2, 1029.9.5***
6. Interior wall and ceiling finish material in accordance with sections 10.2 shall be Class A throughout. ***Life Safety Code 2015 10.2.3.4.1***
7. Floor plans drawn to scale shall be submitted to indicate use of each room. ***Life Safety Code 2015 Section 13.2.5.9.1***
8. Illuminated exit signs and directional exit signs shall be provided to identify all means of egress. ***Life Safety Code 2015 Section 7.8***

9. Each staff member shall be trained in fire prevention, evacuation and fire safety in accordance with sections 406.1 to 406.3.4 ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 406***
10. A 2A 10B C rated or better fire extinguisher shall be provided for every 3000 square feet not to exceed 75 feet of travel distance. ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 906.3.1***
11. Electrical wiring, permanent and temporary shall meet or exceed the National Electrical Code and shall be approved by a city of Albuquerque electrical inspector. A copy of approval of said inspection shall be provided to this office. ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 605.1***
12. Exit ways and exit doors shall not be locked or blocked when any rooms are occupied. Means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of a fire or other emergency. ***Life Safety Code 2015 Section 7.1.10.1***
13. No smoking signs shall be provided and no smoking shall be allowed, in any room or rooms, by the public or staff. A cigarette butt receptacle shall be provided in accordance with the COA clean indoor air ordinance; the approved receptacle shall be provided in a reasonable distance sufficient to ensure that persons entering or leaving the building or facility shall not be subject to breathing tobacco smoke and to ensure that tobacco smoke does not enter the building or facility through inferences, windows, ventilation systems or any other means. ***International Fire Code 2015 Sections 310.3, 310.6.; part 5 Clean Indoor Air Regulations 9-5-5-6.***
14. Corridors or passageways shall not less than 44 inches in the clear and headroom to be no less than 7 feet in the clear in corridors or passageways. ***International Fire code Section 10.20.2***
15. No furnishings, decorations or other objects shall be placed closer than four feet from any exit door. ***Life Safety Code 2015 Section 7.1.10.2***
16. Travel distance to exits shall not exceed 250 feet in assembly occupancies protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with section 9.7. ***Life safety Code 2015 Section 13.2.6.2***
17. The building or structure shall not be occupied prior to the fire code official issuing a permit and conducting associated inspections indicating that applicable provisions of this code have been met. ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 105.3.3***
18. No person shall utilize or allow to be utilized an open flame in assembly occupancies without first obtaining a permit in accordance with section 105 .6. ***International Fire Code 2015 Section 308.3***
19. Any requirements that are essential for the safety of building occupants and that are not specifically provided for by this code shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction. ***Life Safety Code Section 4.6. 1.2.***