

2003 International Fire Code Tent Safety Requirements:

1. **2403.8.2 Location**
 - A. Tents, canopies, or membrane structures shall not be located within 20 feet of lot lines, buildings, other tents, parked vehicles, or internal combustion engines. Guy lines included.
2. **2403.12.3 Exit openings from tents**
 - A. Remain open unless covered by flame resistant curtain
 - B. Any curtain must be free sliding on metal support
 - C. Exit support must be 80 in. above floor level
 - D. When opened no part may obstruct exits
3. **2403.12.2 Number of exits.**
 - A. Occupant load 10 to 199 must have at least 2 means of egress with a width of 72 in. each
 - B. 200 to 499 must have at least 3 means of egress with a width of 72 in.
 - C. 500 to 999 must have at least 4 means of egress with a width of 96 in.
4. **2403.12.3 Exit openings from tents.**
 - A. Exit openings from tent shall remain open unless covered by a flame-resistant curtain. The curtain shall be free sliding on a metal support with an 80" opening above the floor. No part of the curtain may obstruct the opening. Curtains shall be of a color, or colors, that contrast with the tent.
5. **2403.12.4 Doors**
 - A. Must swing the direction of travel while exiting
6. **2403.12.5 Aisles**
 - A. Minimum width of 44 in. for seating areas
7. **2403.12.6 Exit Signs**
 - A. Exits shall be clearly marked when occupant load is 50 or more
8. **2403.12.8 Maintenance of means of egress**
 - A. Required width of exits, aisles, and passageways must be maintained at all time
 - B. Guy wires and ropes shall not cross a means of egress at a height of less than 8 feet
9. **2404.3 Label**
 - A. Fire resistance label must be permanently affixed and identify size and fabric or material type
10. **2404.5 Combustible materials**
 - A. Shall not be located within the tent
11. **2404.6 Smoking**
 - A. NO SMOKING in tent
 - B. No smoking signs shall be conspicuously posted
12. **2404.7 Exposed Flame**
 - A. Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire, or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking devices shall not be permitted inside or within 20 feet of the tent unless approved by the fire code official.
13. **2404.11 Clearance**
 - A. Must be at least 3 feet of clearance between fabric envelope and all contents located inside
14. **2404.12 Portable Fire Extinguishers**

Portable fire extinguishers shall be provided as required within 75 feet of travel distance
15. **2404.15.3 Cooking Tents**
 - A. Must be a separate tent from the public
 - B. at least 20 feet away from other tents and buildings
16. **2404.16.2 LP-Gas Location**
 - A. Gas containers shall be located outside
 - B. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from tents
 - C. 500 gallons or less the tanks have to be at least 10 feet away
 - D. Tanks shall be secured in the upright position and protected from vehicular traffic
17. **2404.19 Generators**
 - A. Separated at least 20 feet from tent and isolated from the public (fenced/barricaded).