



Office of Fire Prevention and Control

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Campus Fire Safety Bulletin

Tents

Need a large open seating area under one roof? Have a gala dinner to host? Put up a tent! The idea sounds simple enough; but it isn't. Using a tent for your next event may be a quick solution to your campus' space problem or a



unique way to provide an air of novelty - but, like with everything else, there is a right way and a wrong way to do it.

The Fire Code of the State of New York devotes an entire chapter (F24) to outlining the criteria for tents and membrane structures - even for short term use. And colleges who wish to use them are advised to review Chapter 24.

Chapter 24 topics included:

SF2403 Access, Location and Parking
SF2404 Structural Stability
SF2406 Fire Safety Requirements
SF2407 Fire Extinguishers
SF2408 Occupant Load
SF2409 Seating
SF2410 Means of Egress
SF2411 Heating & Cooking Equip.
SF2412 LP-Gas
SF2413 Flamm. & Combust. Liquids
SF2415 Generators
SF2416 Standby Personnel
SF2417 Housekeeping



Tents can be a convenient means to host a large event while adding charm to the festivities, but they come with unique fire and life safety challenges - challenges that can easily be overcome with pre-planning.

SF2401.1 Scope. Temporary tents, canopies, air-supported, air-inflated or tensioned membrane structures shall comply with this chapter.



Tents - they aren't just for camping anymore.