

Special Amusement Buildings/Haunted House Requirements

General

Special amusement buildings, regardless of occupant load, shall meet the requirements for assembly occupancies, in addition to the requirements listed below, unless the special amusement building is a multi-level play structure that is not more than 3050 mm (120 in.) in height and has aggregate horizontal projections not exceeding 15 m² (160 ft²).

Automatic Sprinklers

Every special amusement building, other than buildings or structures not exceeding 3050 mm (120 in.) in height and not exceeding 15 m² (160 ft²) in aggregate horizontal projection, shall be protected throughout by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system which is maintained in accordance with NFPA 101, 13, and 25 or contract with the Lakeland Fire Department to provide a staffed fire engine to stand-by during operating hours. (The fee schedule can be found under Downloadable Forms on the department web site. Refer to the last page of the Permit, Inspections, and Plans Review Fees Form.)

Temporary Water Supply

Where the special amusement building required to be sprinklered is movable or portable, the sprinkler water supply shall be permitted to be provided by an approved, temporary means.

Smoke Detection

Where the nature of the special amusement building is such that it operates in reduced lighting levels, the building shall be protected throughout by an approved automatic smoke detection system in accordance NFPA 101 and 72. Actuation of any smoke detection system device shall sound an alarm at a constantly attended location on the premises.

Illumination

Actuation of the automatic sprinkler system, or any other suppression system, or actuation of a smoke detection system having an approved verification or cross-zoning operation capability shall provide the following:

1. Cause illumination in the means of egress to increase to that required by NFPA 101.
2. Stop any conflicting or confusing sounds and visuals.

Exit Marking

1. Exit marking shall be in accordance with NFPA 101.
2. Floor proximity exit signs shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 101.
3. In special amusement buildings where mazes, mirrors, or other designs are used to confound the egress path, approved directional exit marking that becomes apparent in an emergency shall be provided.

Interior Finish

Interior wall and ceiling finish materials, complying with NFPA 101, shall be Class A throughout.

Other Requirements

1. The use of open flames, such as candles and sterno, is prohibited.
2. The use of hay, leaves, branches, wood chips, etc. is not permitted unless made flame-retardant and satisfactory to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.
3. Haunted houses shall be supervised at all times by responsible adults spaced throughout the facility and satisfactory to the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Each supervising adult will have a working flashlight.
4. Prior to the facility being open to the public, a fire inspection shall be completed by the Lakeland Fire Department.
5. A drawing shall be submitted to the fire inspector, at the time of inspection, showing the location of the following items:
 - a. Building entrance and exits,
 - b. Layout of the path patrons will be expected to follow,
 - c. Location of light switches,
 - d. Location of alarm system and manual pull stations,
 - e. Location of fire extinguishers.