

## CHAPTER 2

# DEFINITIONS

### SECTION 201 GENERAL

**201.1 General.** For the purpose of this standard, the terms listed in Section 202 have the indicated meaning.

**201.2 Undefined terms.** The meaning of terms not specifically defined in this document or in referenced standards shall have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.

**201.3 Interchangeability.** Words, terms and phrases used in the singular include the plural and the plural the singular.

### SECTION 202 DEFINED TERMS

**AISLE.** An exit access component that defines and provides a path of egress travel.

**AISLE ACCESSWAY.** That portion of an exit access that leads to an aisle.

**BLEACHERS.** Tiered seating supported on a dedicated structural system and two or more rows high (see "Grandstands").

**BUILDING CODE.** The locally adopted building code.

**CODE OFFICIAL** The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration and enforcement of this standard, or a duly authorized representative.

**ELECTRICAL CODE.** The locally adopted electrical code.

**EXIT ACCESS.** That portion of a means of egress system that leads to an exit. For the purposes of this standard, aisle accessways, aisles and cross aisles are considered components of exit access.

**FIRE CODE.** The locally adopted fire code.

**FOLDING AND TELESCOPIC SEATING.** Tiered seating capable of being reduced in overall size and shape for purposes of moving or storing.

**GRANDSTAND.** Tiered seating supported on a dedicated structural system and two or more rows high (see "Bleachers").

**GUARD.** A building component or a system of building components located at or near the open sides of elevated walking surfaces that minimizes the possibility of a fall from the walking surface to a lower level.

**HANDRAIL.** A horizontal or sloping rail intended for grasping by the hand for guidance or support.

**MEANS OF EGRESS.** A continuous and unobstructed path of vertical and horizontal egress travel from any point on a bleacher, folding and telescopic seating, and grandstand to a public way. A means of egress consists of three separate and distinct parts: exit access, exit and exit discharge.

**PRESS BOX.** A limited-size structure attached to tiered seating intended for limited use.

**RAMP.** A walking surface that has a running slope steeper than one unit vertical in 20 units horizontal.

**SMOKE-PROTECTED ASSEMBLY SEATING.** Seating served by a means of egress that is not subject to smoke accumulation within or under a structure.

**TRANSITION AREA.** Changes in slope of tiered seating sections or access to a platform or balcony from tiered seating.

