

## APPENDIX H

# FIRE PREVENTION GUIDELINES FOR HAUNTED HOUSES AND SIMILAR TEMPORARY INSTALLATIONS

*The provisions contained in this appendix are adopted by the State of Oregon.*

### SECTION H101 GENERAL

**H101.1 Scope.** Haunted or fun houses or other similar installations set up for 90 days or less inside a structure not designed for this specific use shall comply with Appendix H.

Haunted or fun houses or other similar installations set up for more than 90 days or installations that alter the building such that permits are required shall conform to the *Oregon Structural Specialty Code* and Appendix H.

### SECTION H102 PERMITS

**H102.1 Permits.** When an operational permit is required as specified in Section 105.6.2 to operate a haunted house or similar installation, it shall be obtained from the fire code official before the facility is opened to the public.

### SECTION H103 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**H103.1 Requirements.** Haunted houses and similar temporary installations shall comply with all the following:

1. In any facility using the maze concept there shall be no dead-end corridors and there shall be an obvious exit out of any maze every 50 feet (15 240 mm) of linear travel. All aisles shall be a minimum of 4 feet (1219 mm) wide and 6 feet, 8 inches (2032 mm) high. All stairways shall be illuminated at a level of at least 1 foot-candle (10.8 lux).
2. The total number of occupants in the facility at any time shall be limited to a number determined by the fire code official. Groups shall consist of not more than 20 persons. Each group of children age 12 and under shall be accompanied and supervised by a staff person who is 18 years of age or older. The staff person shall have in his/her possession an operable flashlight and be completely familiar with the facility and the approved emergency plan.
3. Smoking is prohibited inside the occupancy as noted in Section 310.2.
4. All electrical installations shall meet the requirements of the *Oregon Electrical Specialty Code*.
5. The fire code official shall be contacted for an inspection and the approval of the evacuation and operational procedures (emergency plan) prior to opening the facility to the public. A floor layout shall be provided to the fire code official at the time of inspection.

6. No open-flame devices or temporary heaters are allowed in the occupancy.
7. Use of untreated combustible material is prohibited. All combustible material shall be treated or protected in accordance with Chapter 8. This includes all harvest decorations, such as cornstalks, dry branches and hay.
8. Exits shall be a minimum of 3 feet (914 mm) wide and 6 feet, 8 inches (2032 mm) high. Each exit shall have exit signage as per local fire code official's requirements. Blocking, locking or in any way impeding ready access to any marked or required exit is prohibited. All exit ways shall be kept clear of any obstructions or storage.
9. Sufficient numbers of fire extinguishers shall be provided to ensure that the maximum travel distance to any extinguisher does not exceed 50 feet (15 240 mm). The minimum acceptable rating (size) is 2A:10B:C. All fire extinguishers shall be mounted in a conspicuous location. Staff shall be instructed in the proper use of the extinguishers.
10. If required by the fire code official staff guides shall be provided with two-way communications that have been demonstrated to be capable of being heard throughout the entire facility. A central public address system or a portable system can be used in place of the two-way communications provided that it has the ability to be controlled in a central location. Communications shall be used for the purpose of giving directions during emergency situations.

