

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, 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, fun houses or other similar installations set up for 90 days or more 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 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 of the following:

1. There may be no dead-end corridors and there must be an obvious exit out of any maze every 50 feet (15 240 mm) of linear travel. All stairways must be illuminated at a level of at least 1 foot-candle (10.8 10 lux).
2. Groups shall consist of not more than 20 persons. Each group of children age 12 and under must be accompanied and supervised by a staff person who is 18 years of age or older. The staff person must have in his or her possession an operable flashlight and be completely familiar with the facility.
3. There will be no smoking allowed at any time 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 planning of an evacuation procedure prior to opening the facility to the public. The evacuation plan and occupancy shall be approved by the fire code official prior to public access.
6. The total number of occupants in the facility at any time shall be limited to a number determined by the fire code official.
7. No open-flame devices or temporary heaters are allowed in the occupancy.

8. Use of untreated combustible material is prohibited. All combustible material shall be treated or protected so that it is essentially rendered and maintained flameproof in a manner acceptable to the fire code official. This includes all harvest decorations, such as cornstalks, dry branches and hay.
9. 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.
10. 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.

