



# Requirements for Haunted Houses

...and other Special Amusement Buildings

**Special Amusement Building** – Any temporary or permanent building or portion thereof that is occupied for amusement, entertainment or educational purposes and that contain a device or system that conveys passengers or provides a walkway along, around or over a course in any direction so arranged that the means of egress is not readily apparent due to visual or audio distractions or is intentionally confounded or is not readily available because of the nature of the attraction or mode of conveyance throughout the building or structure. (IBC 411.2)

1. All special amusement buildings in Oklahoma shall be equipped with an automatic fire detection system. (IBC 411.3)
2. All special amusement buildings in Oklahoma shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system.  
Exception: Where total floor area is less than 1,000 square feet. (IBC 411.4)
3. Actuation of a single smoke detector, the automatic sprinkler system or other automatic fire detection device shall immediately sound an alarm at the building at a constantly attended location from which emergency action can be initiated including:
  - a. Illumination of the means of egress with not less than 1 foot candle at the walking surface level.
  - b. Stop any conflicting or confusing sounds and visual distractions;  
and
  - c. Activate an approved directional exit marking that will become apparent in an emergency. Such system shall also include activation of a prerecorded message, clearly audible throughout the special amusement building instructing patrons to proceed to the nearest exit. (IBC 411.5)
4. An emergency voice alarm communications system shall be provided and be audible throughout the entire special amusement building. (IBC 411.6)

5. Exit signs shall be installed at the required exit or exit access doorways of amusement buildings. Approved directional exit markings shall also be provided. Where mirrors, mazes or other designs are utilized that disguise the path of egress travel such that they are not apparent, approved low-level exit signs and directional path markings shall be provided and located not more than 8 inches above the walking surface and on or near the path of egress travel. Such markings shall become visible in an emergency. The directional exit marking shall be activated by the automatic fire detection system or the automatic sprinkler system. (IBC 411.7)
6. Interior finish shall be Class A (Flame Spread 0-25 ; Smoke Developed 0-450) (IBC 411.8)
7. Tents or air-supported structures shall not be used.
8. Customers shall be escorted through the assembly with a ratio of 1 escort per 6 customers. Escorts are to be equipped with operating flashlights at all times.
9. A minimum of 1-10lb ABC Type fire extinguisher shall be located within 75' of travel. Extinguishers shall be located so they are accessible to staff.