



STATE OF MAINE  
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## Tents

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### Code Compliance

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 101 Life Safety Code and NFPA 1 Fire Code have been adopted within the State of Maine and currently we follow the 2018 version. The code has specific requirements for the use of tents. Due to the current situation our office is issuing the following allowances until 6/30/2021. Local municipalities may be more stringent than the following. The following items are a few basic requirements for a tent to be used at a school.

- Tents are permitted for temporary use only (Less than 364 days or until the end of the State of Emergency).
- Tent fabric shall comply with NFPA 701 (fire retardant).
- Tents shall be located 10' from any building and separated from other tents to allow emergency egress.
- There shall be no flammable or combustible material within 10' of any tent.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be furnished and maintained.
- All wiring to comply with NFPA 70 (National Electrical Code).
- Any heating device shall be listed and approved for such use.
- If the tent has sides installed it shall be approved by the local AHJ or Office of State Fire Marshal.

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