

105.5.3 Amusement Areas

Receipt of this operational permit grants you the authority to operate an amusement building. This permit is an ongoing license, and its validity is contingent upon your continuous adherence to the following fire and life safety management requirements.

Universal Responsibilities:

- **Maintain Systems in Operative Condition:** All fire protection and life safety systems—including sprinklers, fire alarms, extinguishers, and communication systems—**must** be maintained in a fully operative condition at all times. If a system becomes impaired, the fire department **must** be notified immediately, and a fire watch or other mitigation may be required.
- **Record Keeping:** Records of all system inspections, tests, and maintenance **must** be kept on the premises and be made available to the fire code official upon request.
- **Maintain Clear Access:** Fire lanes, access to fire hydrants, Fire Department Connections (FDCs), and pathways to fire protection equipment **must** be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
- **Housekeeping:** The premises **must** be maintained in an orderly manner, free from the accumulation of combustible waste and debris that could create a fire hazard.
- **Permit on Site:** The approved operational permit **must** be posted or kept on-site and be readily available for inspection.
- **Staff Training:** Employees **must** be trained on the fire safety procedures for their workplace, including the location of fire extinguishers and evacuation plans.

Specific Responsibilities for Amusement Buildings:

- **Maintain Egress Paths:** You must ensure that all exit paths and aisles are continuously maintained to their required width and are free of any obstruction. The path of egress must be clearly identified.
- **Smoke Detection and Alarm Systems:** The building's automatic smoke detection system and emergency voice/alarm communication system must be maintained in a fully operational state.
- **Emergency Lighting:** Regularly test and maintain all emergency and exit lighting to ensure they function properly upon loss of primary power.
- **Interior Finish:** Do not alter the interior finish or decorative materials without ensuring they meet the stringent flame spread and smoke development requirements for amusement buildings.
- **Staff Training:** In addition to general fire safety, staff must be trained on their specific roles during an emergency, including communication procedures and assisting guests with evacuation.