



WHEN IS A PERMIT FROM THE KIRKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUIRED FOR A TENT, CANOPY, or AIR SUPPORTED STRUCTURE?

Definitions:

TENT: a structure, enclosure or shelter, with or without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents that it protects.

CANOPY: a TENT completely open on ALL SIDES

AIR SUPPORTED STRUCTURE: A structure where the shape of the structure is attained by air pressure (examples: Air supported domes; Bounce Houses)

Any tent larger than 400 square feet



PERMIT REQUIRED

Any canopy over 700 square feet



PERMIT REQUIRED

Does the cumulative size of canopies grouped together exceed 700 square feet?



PERMIT REQUIRED

Because it is closed on one side, this is a TENT, NOT a canopy:



If over 400 square foot,
PERMIT REQUIRED



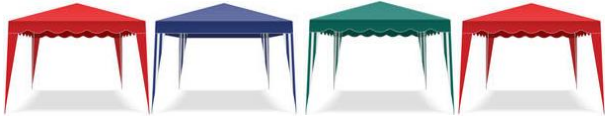
Bounce House over 400 square feet? **PERMIT REQUIRED**

EXAMPLES:

Let us use as an example several 15x15 square foot canopies
(each canopy is 225 square feet):



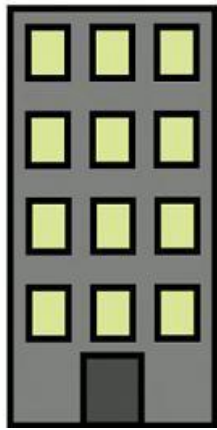
= 675 square feet total = **PERMIT NOT REQUIRED**



= 900 square feet total = **PERMIT REQUIRED**



Is there **at least 12 feet** between groupings of less than 700 square feet?
PERMIT NOT REQUIRED



The canopy or groupings must also be **at least 12 feet** from any building
or a permit is required.

This flyer was put together only to provide general information on when a permit is required based on the size of the tent, canopy, or grouping.

If it is determined that a permit is required,

all other International Fire Code safety requirements apply.

For further information, contact the Kirkland Bureau of Fire Prevention

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