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Dear Tent Permit Applicant:

The Wolfeboro Fire-Rescue Department has put together this list of the most common Fire and Life Safety Code requirements for tents. We hope this will help eliminate any confusion and answer any questions you may have.

-Tents used as Places of Assembly (weddings, parties, concerts/shows, and similar gatherings) **for more than 50 people require a State of New Hampshire Place of Assembly Permit** issued by the Fire-Rescue Department. To issue this, we will need to know the layout of the tent (tables and chairs, just chairs, a dance floor) and its size.

-Tents used as **Places of Assembly must have emergency lighting** if used after sundown. This lighting must be operational without any human intervention such as throwing a switch.

-Tents used as Places of Assembly and set up with sidewalls **must have exits clearly marked by signs**. Signs are not required if walls are not used. Generally, there must be two marked exits from the tent, at opposite ends, and these cannot be blocked by chairs, tables, or anything else.

-**If more than 200 chairs are used, they must be fastened to the floor or each other**. If fastened to each other, at least three and no more than seven chairs are to be attached to each other.

-A maximum of 14 chairs can make up a row between aisles. The aisles must be at least 44 inches wide.

-**Open flame cooking of any type is NOT ALLOWED** under or within 20 feet of a tent.

This is not intended to be a complete list, but may answer the most common questions. For more information, please call Deputy Chief Tom Zotti at 569-1400.