



Decorative Material Regulations and Inspection Criteria

Dear exhibitor,

Your exhibit space may have decorative fabric identified as requiring certification or testing to meet Fire Code regulations.

The Calgary Stampede work with the Calgary Fire Department to ensure the applicable legislation is followed, as set out by the Alberta Fire Code and the Alberta Building Code.

"Decorative material, such as, but not limited to, drapes, theatre curtains, signs, banners, acoustical material, hay/straw, split bamboo, plastic cloth, plastic displays, canvas, cardboard, etc. shall be of non-flammable material conforming to permissible standards, or shall be treated and maintained in a flame retardant condition by means of a flame retardant solution to ensure that the material will pass the applicable flame test."

- *Calgary Fire Department Indoor Special Event Requirements.*

Decorative material is permitted to be in an occupancy assembly building if it is certified to at least one of the following codes:

NFPA 701
CAN ULC S109

At least one of those codes must be on a tag sewn or printed into the material by the manufacturer or certifying organization. If that is not available, a certificate is acceptable, if it can be proven to belong to the decorative material.

Any other certification codes do not meet the criteria of the applicable Fire and Building codes in Alberta and as a result would not be permitted.

If your material does not have this certification, a standardized flame test may be performed. The flame test is NFPA 705 – "Field Flame Test for Textiles and Films".

To do the test, the exhibitor must provide a piece of the material at minimum 1 inch wide by 4 inches long. That material is then subjected to a flame for 12 seconds. If it self-extinguishes in less than 2 seconds and does not drip fire, it passes the test.

You have a right to refuse the test, but the decorative material will be required to be removed.

If you choose to do the burn test, a qualified Stampede representative will administer the test and provide a receipt for the burn test outcome. You may also elect to do your own burn test off Stampede Park and provide the Stampede with documented proof of the test to show the Calgary Fire Department inspector.

Please understand our priority is the safety of all exhibitors and attendees of the event. We appreciate your support and compliance with these regulations. If required, please contact your Show Manager to arrange a test of your material, prior to show opening.

Thank you,

Calgary Stampede Safety Department

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