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Section 303

Question:

Is it the intent of Florida Building Code - Building Section 303 to require bleacher type seating for an A-4 occupancy or are non-fixed "table and chairs" an acceptable alternative?

Answer

No. While the types of uses listed for Group A-4 occupancies, typically use fixed seating, Florida Building Code - Building Section 303 does not contain a prohibition against non-fixed seating. However, all the applicable provisions of FBC - Building Section 1025 would apply as well as the remainder of the general provisions of FBC - Building Chapter 10.

Commentary:

It should also be noted that the Florida Fire Prevention Code contains restrictions on festival style seating.

Notice:

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