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Section 525.30(3)

Question:

Is it the intent of NEC 525.30(3) to require individual tents with metal support structures such as the ones used at art shows, carnivals, and festivals, to be bonded to the equipment grounding conductor of the circuit supplying it.

Answer

Yes. The key here is the phrase, "likely to be energized." If the outlet at the tent is used for a computer, cash register, table lamp, then the frame does not need to be bonded. If the metal frame is used as any sort of support for the circuit, it requires bonding.

Commentary:

This of course is in addition to 525.23 which mandate GFCI protect and 525.20 which require all cord connections be kept off the ground.

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