

# 2021 Virginia Construction Code

## CHAPTER 31 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

### SECTION 3103 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

#### 3103.1 General.

The provisions of [Sections 3103.1](#) through [3103.4](#) shall apply to structures erected for a period of less than 180 days. *Special event structures, tents*, umbrella structures and other membrane structures erected for a period of less than 180 days shall also comply with the [International Fire Code](#). Those erected for a longer period of time shall comply with applicable sections of this code.

#### 3103.1.1 Conformance.

Temporary structures and uses shall conform to the structural strength, fire safety, *means of egress*, accessibility, light, *ventilation* and sanitary requirements of this code as necessary to ensure public health, safety and general welfare.

#### 3103.1.2 Permit required.

Temporary structures that cover an area greater than 120 square feet (11.16 m<sup>2</sup>), including connecting areas or spaces with a common *means of egress* or entrance that are used or intended to be used for the gathering together of 10 or more persons, shall not be erected, operated or maintained for any purpose without obtaining a *permit* from the *building official*.

#### 3103.2 Construction documents.

A *permit* application and *construction documents* shall be submitted for each installation of a temporary structure. The *construction documents*, shall include a site plan indicating the location of the temporary structure and information delineating the *means of egress* and the *occupant load*.

#### 3103.3 Location.

Temporary structures shall be located in accordance with the requirements of [Table 705.5](#) based on the *fire-resistance rating* of the *exterior walls* for the proposed type of construction.

#### 3103.4 Means of egress.

Temporary structures shall conform to the *means of egress* requirements of [Chapter 10](#) and shall have an *exit access* travel distance of 100 feet (30 480 mm) or less.