

7511.1029 [Renumbered 7511.1030]

7511.1029 SECTION 1029, ASSEMBLY.

Subpart 1. **IFC section 1029.1.1.** IFC section 1029.1.1 is amended to read as follows:

1029.1.1 Bleachers. Bleachers, grandstands, and folding and telescopic seating, that are not building elements, shall comply with International Code Council (ICC) 300, with the following amendments to ICC 300:

a. ICC 300 Section 404.5 is amended by adding an exception as follows:

Exception: Aisles shall not be required to be more than 66 inches (1,676 mm) in width when the following are satisfied:

1. the seating area served by such aisles is composed entirely of bleachers;
2. the row-to-row dimension is 28 inches (71 cm) or less; and
3. front egress is not limited.

b. ICC 300 Section 405.1 is amended to read as follows:

405.1 Aisles. The minimum width of aisles shall be in accordance with Section 404.5, but not less than that required by this section. An aisle is not required in seating facilities where all of the following conditions exist:

1. Seats are without backrest.
2. The rise from row to row does not exceed 6 inches (152 mm) per row.

Exception: Bleachers 55 inches or less in height.

3. The row-to-row spacing does not exceed 28 inches (711 mm) unless the seat boards and footboards are at the same elevation.
4. The number of rows does not exceed 16 rows in height.
5. The first seat board is not more than 12 inches (305 mm) above the ground floor or a cross aisle.

Exception: Bleachers 55 inches or less in height.

6. Seat boards have a continuous flat surface.
7. Seat boards provide a walking surface with a minimum width of 11 inches (279 mm).
8. Egress from seating is not restricted by rails, guards, or other obstructions.

c. ICC 300 Section 405.6 is amended by adding an exception as follows:

3. Aisles serving bleachers in compliance with Section 404.5.

d. ICC 300 Section 408.1, item 1, is amended by modifying the exceptions to read as follows:

Exceptions:

1. Tiered seating is not required to have a guard if: (a) the tiered seating is located adjacent to a wall; and (b) the space between the wall and the tiered seating is less than 4 inches (102 mm).

2. In accordance with the Minnesota Bleacher Safety Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.112:

(a) bleachers must have vertical perimeter guards or other approved guards that address climbability and are designed to prevent accidents; and

(b) guards are not required on bleachers 55 inches (1,397 mm) and less in height.

e. ICC 300 Section 408.3 is amended to read as follows:

408.3 Guard design. Guards and their attachment shall be designed to resist the loads indicated in Section 303. Bleachers must have vertical perimeter guards or other approved guards that address climbability and are designed to prevent accidents, in accordance with the Minnesota Bleacher Safety Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.112.

f. ICC 300 Chapter 5 is deleted and replaced with the following:

All bleachers or bleacher open spaces over 55 inches (1,397 mm) above grade or the floor below, and all bleacher guardrails, if any part of the guardrail is over 30 inches (762 mm) above grade or the floor below, must be certified to conform with the safety requirements contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.112.

(IFC Section 1029.1.1.1 still applies.)

Subp. 2. **IFC section 1029.6.** IFC section 1029.6 is amended by adding a section to read:

1029.6.4 Width of means of egress for bleacher facilities. Aisles for bleachers shall not be required to be more than 66 inches (167 cm) in width when calculated in accordance with Section 1029.6.1 or 1029.6.3 when the following conditions are satisfied:

1. the seating area served by such aisles is composed entirely of bleachers;
2. the row-to-row dimension is 28 inches (71 cm) or less; and
3. front egress is not limited.

Subp. 3. **IFC section 1029.9.5.** IFC section 1029.9.5 is amended by adding an exception to read:

5. Aisles serving bleachers in compliance with Section 1029.6.4.

Subp. 4. **IFC section 1029.17.** IFC section 1029.17 is amended by adding an exception to read:

Exception: In accordance with the Minnesota Bleacher Safety Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.112:

1. guards are not required on bleachers 55 inches and less in height; and
2. bleachers must have vertical perimeter guards or other approved guards that address climbability and are designed to prevent accidents.

(Subsections 1029.17.1 through 1029.17.4 remain unchanged.)

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