

Building Information Sheet BS05 – Temporary Buildings

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Temporary Buildings are structures used for an event that are erected for use for a day or several days.

Many structures are small enough to not pose any risk for the users and patrons, while others can be 2 x storey marquees that hold hundreds of people. In an effort to be consistent, and provide a safe environment for the public, the Shire of Augusta Margaret River offers the following information regarding the use of temporary buildings for events.

The following information and conditions apply for public events on both private land and Shire reserves.

Small structures

Any structure which can be assembled as one unit, generally with a 2.4m wall height. Examples are a roof cover on a concertina frame, used for beach or camping etc and available from the hardware store.

These vary in size up to approximately 6m x 6m.

These structures do not require a temporary building license from the Shire Building Surveyor.

HOWEVER, there are requirements that must be met on the day/s of the event. See conditions below.

Large Structures

1. Generally any tent structure larger than 6.0m span.
2. Any marquee which requires a frame to be assembled.
3. Stages and lighting frames for stages.

These structures do require a temporary building license from the Shire Building Surveyor. An application can be made with your Shire Events package, or from the Shire website www.amrsc.wa.gov.au.

CONDITIONS

The following conditions must be carried out on the days/s of the use of the structures, for both small and large temporary structures.

1. The builder is to ensure construction suits the soil type and terrain category, is in compliance with the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and the requirements of the Building Surveyor.
2. Equipment, installations and components essential to the safety of the people must be adequately maintained in such condition that will enable their proper performance.
3. Portable fire extinguishers must be provided as listed in table E1.6 of the BCA and must be selected, located and distributed in accordance with AS 2444.
4. A professional engineer as defined by the BCA is to certify that: a) All temporary buildings and structures as erected are structurally adequate for their intended uses and will withstand any forces reasonably expected at the event site; and, b) certification is to be submitted to the Building Surveyor for all temporary buildings and structures prior to the event.

If you require further information please contact the building services on 9780 5214.