

Bleacher and Grandstand Inspection and Maintenance Policy

General

This policy applies to all University of Maine bleachers, grandstands, (including portable outdoor units) and folding and telescopic seating

Regulatory Guidance

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.22,
NFPA 101-2009, NFPA 102-2006

Requirements

To ensure safe use of the equipment:

- Conduct annual inspection and required maintenance of each installation to ensure safe conditions.
- At least biennially, an inspection shall be performed by a professional engineer, registered architect or individual certified by the manufacturer. Keep a written certification that both inspections have been performed.
- Maintain the equipment as required by the manufacturer.
- Spaces underneath shall be kept free of storage including flammable or combustible materials, unless protected by an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system

Responsibilities

Facilities Management or another designated group (e.g., athletics, auxiliary services) will ensure annual inspections are conducted and arrange for biennial inspections by a professional engineer, registered architect or individual certified by the manufacturer. Copies of inspection documentation and certifications will be kept in facilities management with a copy to University of Maine System Risk Management

Definitions

Grandstand - *“a structure that provides tiered or stepped seating”*

Bleacher - *“a grandstand in which seats are not provided with backrests”*

For Additional Information

Contact your Department Safety Coordinator or Safety and Environmental Management at 207/581-4055.

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