

**RULES
OF
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION**

**CHAPTER 0780-2-10
COMMERCIAL PLACES OF ASSEMBLY**

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0780-2-10-.01 INSPECTION OF EXITS. Not more than ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of any noncontinuous activity, event, performance, show, meeting, function, or other occasion for which persons will gather at a Class A or B commercial place of assembly (as defined in the 1973 edition of the Life Safety Code NFPA No. 101), the owner (or his designee pursuant to written authority, instructions, or procedures) shall inspect every required exit, way of approach thereto, and way of departure therefrom. If such inspection reveals that any required means of egress is obstructed, inaccessible, locked, fastened, or otherwise unsuited for immediate use, the scheduled program shall not begin, nor shall admittance to the place of assembly be permitted, until necessary corrective action has been completed.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 53-2413 and 53-2517. Rule filed September 13, 1977; effective October 13, 1977.

0780-2-10-.02 ANNOUNCEMENTS. Immediately prior to the start of the program, the owner or his authorized agent shall orally notify all attendees concerning the location of the exit(s) to be used in case of fire or other emergency.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 53-2413 and 53-2517. Rule filed September 13, 1977; effective October 13, 1977.

0780-2-10-.03 RECORDS. Accurate records of all inspections, corrections, and notifications made pursuant to this chapter shall be kept and retained for at least two (2) years in the offices of the respective building owners. The records shall contain:

- (a) a brief description of each activity, event, performance, etc., including date, time, and location;
- (b) the name and signature of the person who performed each requirement of this chapter; and
- (c) the date and time when each requirement was performed.

Such records shall be made available upon request to the State Fire Marshal, his deputies, or assistants.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 53-2413 and 53-2517. Rule filed September 13, 1977; effective October 13, 1977.

0780-2-10-.04 ALTERNATIVES. In cases of practical difficulty or undue hardship, or in which compliance herewith would not significantly increase life safety, the State Fire Marshal may approve or accept alternative means of accomplishing the objectives of this chapter.

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