



Theatre Safety

Storage

Proper storage practices help ensure exit pathways and doors are accessible; and fire hazards, chemical exposure risks, and the risk of injury are reduced.

Discharged wadding of blank rounds can cause injury and death. The noise levels produced by the discharge of firearms can cause hearing damage. Take firearms safety seriously

General Storage Practices

1. Keep stored items at least 18 inches below fire suppression sprinkler heads.
2. Never obstruct doors, doorways, or exit pathways.
3. Maintain a clear unobstructed space of at least 36 inches, in all directions, from electrical service equipment, fire extinguishers, and fire alarms.
4. Never hang stored items on or from fire suppression sprinkler pipes or sprinkler heads.
5. Secure overhead storage.
6. Never allow stored items to extend beyond the storage shelf.
7. Store small items within sealed storage containers to promote stable storage.
8. Ensure stacked items are level or secured to prevent tip-over.
9. Secure lumber, brooms, and ladders to prevent them from falling or sliding out of their storage areas.
10. Label storage areas and shelves to promote the return of items to their designated storage area.

Chemicals

1. Store flammable and combustible materials in designated NFPA approved cabinets.
2. Store oxidizers separately from flammable and combustible material.
3. Store corrosive acids and bases separately.

Hand and Power Tools

1. Store tools that have custom storage cases in those cases.
2. Keep guards and protective sheaths in place when storing sharp-edged tools.
3. Coil power cords and hoses.

Props and Costumes

1. Store weapons in locked cabinets.
2. Maintain clear aisles.

Lights and Lighting Equipment

1. Coil cords and close shutters.
2. Store color film away from heat sources.

Catwalks

1. Keep catwalks clear of tools, equipment, and other materials.
2. Never stack counter weights higher than toe board.