Seating Set-up Guidelines

Temporary seating set-up shall comply with the following Guidelines and any local jurisdictional requirements. The total number of seats permitted in a room is based on the maximum room occupant load and exit availability. The following identifies different seating arrangements and required clearances.

Minimum Seating Clearance
A minimum of 12 inches of clearance must be provided between rows of seats. This minimum clearance requirement may increase based on number of seats per row and the configuration of the seating rows.

Rows of seating served by an aisle or doorway at one end only.
- The minimum width of 12 inches clearance between rows shall be increased by 0.6 inch for every additional seat beyond seven in a row, but the minimum clear width need not exceed 22 inches.
- The distance to the point where an occupant has a choice of two directions of travel to an exit shall not exceed 30 feet from the point where the occupant is seated. Example: If a row of seats is set up against a wall, the row cannot be greater than 30 feet long, and the row must end in an aisle which has two directions of travel to an exit.

Single Access Seating Row
Rows of seating served by aisles or doorways at both ends.
- There may be no more than 100 seats per row.
- The minimum width of 12 inches clearance between rows shall be increased by .3 inch for every additional seat beyond 14 in a row, but the minimum clear width need not exceed 22 inches.

Example:
If row is to have 54 or more seats there must be at least 22 inches between seating rows.

Required Aisle Widths
All aisles must lead to an exit and have a minimum clear width of:
Seating on one side – Minimum 36 inch aisle
Seating on both sides – Minimum 42 inch aisle
Aisle width determined by (.22") x (Number of seats)
(250 Seats requires 55" center aisle)
(500 Seats requires 110" center aisle)

Seat Stability
Seats shall be fastened together in groups of not less than three if more than 200 seats are provided or seats shall be fastened to the floor. Seats which interlock together meet this requirement, otherwise alternate fastening methods must be used (i.e. plastic ties) to prevent seats from being moved.

Table and Chairs
A minimum clearance between adjoining tables and chairs must be maintained to allow unobstructed movement by occupants.