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## Bleacher and Grandstand Inspection and Maintenance Policy

### General

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

### Regulatory Guidance

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 CFR 1910.22,
- NFPA 101, Life Safety Code
- NFPA 102, Standard for Grandstands, Folding and Telescopic Seating, Tents, and Membrane Structures

### 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 Campus/Department Safety Coordinator or UMS Safety Management at 207/581-4055.

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