



FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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"Haunted Houses Need Fire Department Permits"

Rancho Cucamonga, CA – Planning to host a “Haunted House” this Halloween? Fire District approval is needed so be sure to contact them as soon as possible during the planning process.

In recent years, “Haunted Houses” have grown in popularity amongst non-profit organizations, churches, schools and residents. A little known fact, however, is that they are subject to fire code regulations, such as ensuring “Haunted House” visitors and actors can safely navigate the temporary structure and exits are unobstructed. The Fire District wants to work with “Haunted House” hosts to sure everyone enjoys Halloween *safely*.

A guidance document has been developed by the Fire District’s Fire Prevention Bureau, and explains the requirements for constructing and decorating a “Haunted House.” Guidelines and permit information for “Special Amusement Buildings/Haunted Houses” can be found at www.RCFire.org. Permit applications, including site plans and emergency procedures, will be reviewed by the Fire Marshal and Fire Inspectors will work with the individual or organization to ensure all proper fire detection systems and safety provisions are in place. “Haunted Houses” will be spontaneously inspected by the Fire Prevention Bureau personnel to ensure the public’s safety.

For more information about the requirements for hosting a “Haunted House,” contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (909) 477-2770 during normal business hours (Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or visit www.RCFire.org.

About the Rancho Cucamonga Fire District: Rancho Cucamonga is located approximately 35 miles east of Los Angeles, at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains, and is home to more than 170,000 residents. The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District provides vital fire and life safety services to residents, visitors and businesses in a 50 square mile area. Stay informed with Rancho Cucamonga Fire District activities by visiting us at www.RCFire.org, following us on Twitter (@RCFD_pio) and liking us on Facebook (Facebook.com/Rancho-Cucamonga-Fire-District).

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