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Haunted houses, scare houses and haunted mazes need permits to operate

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 5, 2017) – Halloween is around the corner and the McKinney Fire Marshal’s Office (FMO) is ready to make sure everyone is safe during the spooky, thrilling season. It is also time to remind everyone that a permit is required for any special community, school or local fund raising event that operates a temporary special amusement building.

Haunted houses are considered a special amusement building designed for the purpose of entertainment. This includes indoor and outdoor haunted houses that contain a pathway arranged so that the exit is not readily visible.

The requirements apply to commercial buildings and residential homes in which the public is invited or allowed on the property for the purpose of entertainment. Haunted Houses are unique, thus, the fire safety concerns are unique and must be evaluated accordingly. The McKinney FMO wants to ensure that those who operate these unique entertainment venues and those who visit them are safe and able to enjoy the experience.



More information regarding the background, fire safety requirements and permit can be found at www.mckinneytexas.org/hauntedhouses or call 972-547-2850.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city’s website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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