



## BPC Policy No. 785

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**SUBJECT:** SAFETY STANDARDS FOR STAGE WORKERS AT LIVE EVENTS AT PORT PARKS ON PORT TIDELANDS

**PURPOSE:** This policy establishes worker safety requirements for temporary special events permitted at public parks managed and operated by the District. The intent is to reduce workplace hazards, protect workers and the public, and align District practices with state law (AB 1775 (*Ward*): Occupational Safety: live events) and regional standards adopted by the County of San Diego and City of San Diego.

The operation of many special events involves complex equipment and electrical systems, oftentimes in varying weather conditions. The employees who perform this work can face dangerous settings that risk not only their safety but also the safety of performers and the public. Injuries and fatalities have been known to occur, however, they can be prevented or minimized with proper training on established safety protocols.

In 2022, the California legislature adopted AB 1775 (*Ward*): Occupational Safety: live events. The bill implemented new workplace safety training and certification requirements for entertainment vendors who produce live events at state-owned and operated public events venues. It requires a contracting entity to require an entertainment events vendor to certify for its employees and employees of its subcontractors that those individuals have completed specified safety training and certifications.

The City of San Diego adopted an ordinance in December 2024 requiring safety training and certification measures at City-owned and operated facilities and parks. In November 2021, the County of San Diego approved a resolution adopting safety training and certification standards at County facilities and parks.

**SCOPE:** This policy applies to all event organizers, contractors, and subcontractors involved with temporary special events permitted at public parks managed and operated by the District. This policy does not apply to tenant leaseholds.

**A. Definitions:**

1. *Temporary Special Events* are defined as live music, theater, dance, and cultural productions, or any other live productions that involve the temporary set up, operation, or tear down of non-permanent rigging, and/or the use of large portable power distribution systems.
2. *Large portable power distribution systems* (LPPDS) are moveable systems that can distribute power at 100 amps or greater.

3. *Non-permanent rigging* are movable systems of equipment that secure portable audiovisual equipment, such as audio, video, lighting, trusses, and other effects, equipment, or props, for overhead suspension.

## B. Policy Requirements

### 1. Training and Certification

- a. Employees, including any subcontractors' employees, involved in the setup, operation, or teardown of a Temporary Special Event are required to have completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) OSHA-10 or the OSHA-10/General Entertainment Safety training course, as applicable to their occupation.
- b. Any supervisors of employees involved in the setup, operation, or teardown of a temporary special event, including subcontractors' supervisors, are required to have completed the OSHA-30 course relevant to their occupation, AND must hold the Entertainment Technician Certification Program (ETCP) certification in their applicable trade.

### 2. Vendor Compliance

- a. As a condition of a Temporary Special Event park use permit, event organizers shall confirm that all applicable employees and subcontractors have completed the training and certification.
- b. Documentation or certification demonstrating compliance with the applicable requirements identified in this policy (e.g., OSHA-10, OSHA-30, and/or ETCP), shall be provided to Port staff as part of the permit application for the Temporary Special Event. Information shall include employee names, each employee's role, completed courses/certifications, and dates of completion.
- c. Non-compliance with this policy may result in suspension of permits, contract termination, cancellation of the event, and/or removal of non-compliant personnel.

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