

**MINNEAPOLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU POLICY # 2 - 3
USE OF TARGET CENTER CONCOURSES**

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ISSUE:

Exit concourses used for the display of merchandise and concession stands.

CODE REQUIREMENTS:

The building and fire codes do not allow the use of exit corridors for storage or display of materials. The City of Minneapolis approved the design of the Target Center based on the concourse areas being used as exit corridors only. During the early design phase the architect was notified that all concession areas would have to be separated from the concourses by one hour fire rated construction as required by the building code.

PROBLEM:

The concourses are some times used for display and sale of merchandise.

ACCEPTABLE MEANS of COMPLIANCE:

A. Events where the arena seating and suites are not used:

Concession stands may be placed in the concourses or on the arena floor provided that all of the following are complied with:

1. Booths are not to be located under stairs, in non-sprinkler protected areas, or within an area defined by a draftstop and/or close spaced sprinklers.
2. Exits and stairs are not to be blocked.
3. A minimum clear exit width is to be maintained in the concourses. The required width is to be determined from a code analysis provided by the Target Center.
4. The Minneapolis Fire Prevention Bureau is to approve all materials, equipment, or substances that will be used, displayed, or sold.

B. Events where the arena area seating and/or suites are in use:

1. All items listed in condition A (above) are to be complied with.

AND

2. An approved fire watch shall be provided at the event manager's or Target center's expense. The fire watch is to be arranged through the Minneapolis Fire Department and will consist of a member or members of the fire department.