

Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's Office  
Official Interpretation and Code Directive 2013-9

Means of Egress Requirements for New Assembly and Educational Press Boxes

Effective January 1, 2019

All assembly and educational press boxes intended to have occupants on the roof is required to have a letter from the engineer confirming compliance in regards to the added roof load. An occupant load sign shall be provided identifying the maximum occupant load based on the engineer's roof load calculations. Guards shall be installed around the entire press box area and shall meet the requirements of the International Building Code Section 1015. Two means of egress are required to provide access off the roof for the occupants. If the press box is not protected by a fire sprinkler system at least one means of egress shall be located on the exterior of the press box.

It is our hope that we can work together to develop new sites while remaining committed to maintaining the utmost level of life safety by making Oklahoma structures as safe as possible through congruent code enforcement.



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