DEMOUNTABLE STAGES & DEMOUNTABLE SUPPORT STRUCTURES

On February 28, 2023, the Ontario Building Code (OBC) was amended to add requirements for demountable stages and demountable support structures.

Demountable stages require a building permit where;
- the aggregate area of all platforms is more than 60 m² and any part of the platform is more
- than 3 m in height above adjacent grade level,
- when the aggregate area of all platforms of the demountable stage is more than 225 m², or
- any part of the platform or any roof, wall or structure attached to or located on any of the platforms of the demountable stage is 5 m or more in height above adjacent ground level.

Demountable support structures require a permit where;
- it is more than 3m in height above adjacent ground level,
- designed to carry superimposed specified loads greater than 115 kg, or
- would create a hazard to the public.

General Requirements:

When a building permit is required for a demountable stage and/or a demountable support structure the provisions outlined within the newly added Section 3.16A of Division B are to be followed. These include; occupant load, means of egress, guards, clearances to other structures, flame resistance (of tarpaulins, decorative materials, fabrics and films), access for firefighting, electrical systems, structural provisions, barrier free design (when intended for limited public occupancy), and on-site general review by a Professional Engineer.

To view the full OBC provisions related to demountable stages and support structures, including definitions of each, please see the amendment regulation (O.Reg. 30/23)

Further information regarding building permit submission requirements and fees for please visit our website.

An inspection is required prior to the demountable stage/support structure being put into use. Fire Prevention staff accompany the Building Inspector to perform a joint inspection organized via the Building Division

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