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1025 - Means of Egress Related to Bleacher Seats

Code: 2012 North Carolina Building Code
Section: 1028

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Question:

Can the bench seat of a bleacher be considered part of the required aisle accessway width if the seat does not have a back?

Answer:

No, unless the provisions of ICC-300-2007, Section 405.1, Items 1 through 8 are met which will allow the seating without an aisle. If an aisle is required the code nor ICC document ICC-300 provide any indication that the bench seat can be considered part of the walking surface for egress purposes such as the aisle accessway width.

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