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**Press Box Toilets**

**Code:** 2012 NC Plumbing Code  
**Section:** 403.9.4

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**Question:**

Under the current NC 2012 Plumbing Code, Section 403.9.4 - the code reads “Stadium facilities shall be located within 400 feet of the closest bleachers exit from each set of bleachers that the facility serves.” Our stadium bleachers are within the required distance (355 ft.) to public restrooms located at the concession stand facility within the stadium grounds. Is the press box required to have toilets if the travel distance from the press box located in the bleacher exceeds 400 feet to the restrooms?

**Answer:**

For press boxes located in bleachers, the press box is part of the stadium bleacher. The intent of section 403.9.4 is met when the closest bleacher exit from each set of bleachers that are served by the toilet rooms are within 400 feet of the entrance to the toilet rooms.

**Keywords:**