



# Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

The Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association,  
"Organization" (§633.026)

## **Informal Interpretation**

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**For purpose of this petition, pertinent factors do not include the name of the governmental agency or persons representing that agency. Petitioners are discouraged from making any personal assertions about an agency or agency official. If this involves an actual situation, briefly explain all of the pertinent factors.**

Actual Situation Explanation:

Skate World is an approx. 24,000 sq. ft. roller skating rink, built in 1987.

Additional Information supplied by the submitter (Hengstebeck) related to activity within building to assist the committee.

The facility has a 78 ft. by 178 ft. skating floor. (approximately 14,000 + or - sq. feet). The skating floor is used for public roller skating sessions, competitive speed team practice sessions and skate meets, and we also have an adult roller hockey league. We have one of the largest speed teams in the nation which has produced several world class speed skaters. In addition, we offer beginner skate lessons and artistic skating lessons.

The skate floor has single bench seating along the length of the two long sides for spectators and skaters.

We have three birthday party rooms for customers celebrating birthdays during our public skating sessions. .

We have a small lobby area, a small concession stand with tables -- this area is used for eating, as well as providing additional seating for spectators. We have approx. 20 arcade games, a 9 ft. by 12 ft. novelty shop, a skate room that houses rental skates and two public restrooms.

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All of the areas described above are accessible and utilized by customers wearing roller skates.

We have recently installed a smoke alarm system with voice evacuation.

We do not use our building or rent it out for any activities that are not related to roller skating.

We have considered adding a small play area for the younger children next to the skating floor near our concession area, however at this point we have no concrete plans to add any activities.

**Question** *(should be worded so that it can be answered with either "Yes" or "No"):*

Am I required to install a sprinkler system in this existing assembly?

**Answer: No**

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