

California Community Theatre

Top Ten (or More) List

Backstage Safety

This is a list of suggested rules to post and discuss with participants in your community theatre

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- Nothing on the floor in or near performer entry areas.
- All cords and wires must be secured with gaffers tape set will be inspected for exposed nails, screws, and staples.
- No bare feet or flip-flops at anytime, anywhere. ALWAYS wear closed-toe shoes.
- Know where emergency kits are. Never work alone.
- Nobody (especially women) walk out to their car alone after a night show.
- Liberal use of glow tape! Glow tape EVERYWHERE.
- No screws, nails. or staples sticking out of scenery. We do an inspection before the show opens.
- Adequate backstage lighting.
- No fire in the playhouse.
- Do not look down when you walk. Always be aware of your surroundings. Safety first!
- Common Sense. We ask all our performers to please stay focused. The older cast members look after younger ones. We take every precaution to be sure our actors are safe.

And, for the 'safety' of a smooth first moment, *We post the scene order with the first spoken line for each scene backstage for actors.*

Suggestions for communicating backstage safety to your cast, crew, and personnel:

- We do a slow walk-through safety inspection before the show opens, focusing on electrical connections and entry and exit areas.