

F R E E M A N

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATIONS STANDARD

BLOCKING EXITS



Preventing Blockage of Exits

- **Every attempt should be made to not block any exits.**
 - Screens should not be placed in front of exit doors.
 - Back of stage should have cases placed away from exits.
 - Cable runs should be run over doors whenever possible (see *AV Standard 0005 - Cable Care and Taping*).
 - Control table should not be placed in front of exit doors.

When Exits Must Be Blocked

- **When blocking an exit is unavoidable, the following must be observed:**
 - Empties stored behind of stage should be placed at a minimum of three feet away from the right and left of the exit doors.
 - When drape is covering up exit doors, baffles should be set up with lighted exit signs placed above them. A minimum of 6' exiting space is recommended; fire codes vary by city and /or facility.
 - Diagrams should be submitted to the facility such that the blocking of exits is known by facility management and fire marshal.
 - *Placement of video area should be on diagram.*
 - *Placement of amps and dimmers should be on diagram.*
 - *Empty case storage area should be noted on the diagram.*
- **Safety talk with crew should include discussion of which exits to use in case of an emergency.**