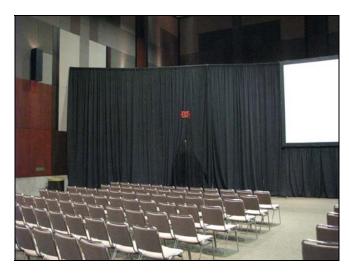
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# AUDIO VISUAL OPERATIONS STANDARD

### **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.