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PERMISSIONS FOR A KROFTMAN SHELTER

Well prepared for the approval process

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WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

Planning to install a Kroftman shelter? It is important to check in advance which rules apply to your project and location.

We cannot make a general statement about whether you need planning permission, a building regulations or building standards procedure, or another type of consent. This depends on what you are installing, how you intend to use it, where it will be located and which rules apply in that part of the UK.

That is why Kroftman does not make general statements such as “this shelter does not require permission.”

What we can do is provide the technical basis for the shelter and make the available technical documentation available in advance.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND RULES FOR THE LOCATION

For projects in the UK, planning requirements and technical building requirements are separate matters. The exact rules, procedures and terminology differ between England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The difference is important.

1. The technical side: how is the shelter technically substantiated?

The technical side concerns the design and safety of the structure, including its structural stability.

Kroftman shelters from our standard range are designed in accordance with EN 13782, the European safety standard for temporary tent structures. In the UK, the current published version is BS EN 13782:2015. It covers safety requirements relating to areas such as design, calculation, manufacture, installation and maintenance of mobile, temporarily installed tent structures with a ground area of more than 50 m^2.

For shelters from our standard range, the technical documentation is available in advance and free of charge in the Kroftman Safety Dossier. It includes:

- the Build book, including structural calculations and technical drawings;
- test reports for the cover material;
- information on wind and snow loads;
- this document with information about the approval process.

This allows you to see, before making your final decision, how the structure is technically substantiated and what documentation is available.

What does this mean for an approval process?

Technical information about the shelter may be needed when preparing for or going through an approval process. For example, it may be used to answer questions about the structure, discuss the project with the relevant authority or provide information as part of an application.

With the Kroftman Safety Dossier, the available technical information about the shelter is already at hand.

Exactly which information is required, and at what stage, depends on the specific project and the procedure that applies in that part of the UK. Where a formal technical approval process applies, drawings, calculations and other supporting information may be required. The precise requirements differ between the UK nations and between procedures.

The technical documentation applies to the selected configuration and the assumptions on which it has been calculated. If you intend to use the shelter for a long period or on a (semi-)permanent basis, discuss this with Kroftman in advance. Depending on the location, use and technical requirements, an additional calculation or an adapted or reinforced version may be required.

2. The planning side: can the shelter be installed here?

The planning side concerns whether the proposed development is acceptable at the intended location.

Depending on the project and location, planning rules may relate to matters such as:

- the height and size of the structure;
- where it will be positioned on the site;
- its appearance;
- the proposed use;
- the surrounding area;
- local planning policies or restrictions.

Planning requirements depend on the location and the rules that apply there. In Scotland, for example, official guidance distinguishes planning considerations such as siting, appearance and use from the technical building standards system. England and Wales also treat planning permission and building regulations as separate matters.

The same technically designed shelter can therefore be subject to different planning requirements at different locations.

Technical documentation alone cannot determine whether planning permission or another consent is required for your specific project.

CHECK YOUR SPECIFIC PROJECT

The rules and procedures that apply depend on the part of the UK, the local authority, the location and the specific project.

Check your proposal with the relevant planning authority and, where necessary, the authority or body responsible for building control or building standards in the area where the shelter will be installed.

The route differs across the UK. In England, applicants use the local planning authority for planning matters and the relevant building control route where building regulations apply. Scotland uses local planning authorities and local authority verifiers for building warrants. In Northern Ireland, councils deal with local planning enquiries and Building Regulations applications.

WHAT SHOULD YOU HAVE TO HAND?

It helps to have the main details of your project available when checking which rules and procedures apply. For example:

- **Location**
  Where will the shelter be installed?
- **Dimensions**
  What are the length, width and height of the shelter?
- **Configuration**
  How will the shelter be installed and configured?
- **Use**
  What will the covered area be used for?
- **Period of use**
  How long do you intend to keep the shelter at this location?

Which details are ultimately relevant will depend on your specific project and the procedure that applies.

WHICH DOCUMENTS WILL YOU NEED?

There is no single list of documents that applies to every Kroftman shelter and every approval process throughout the UK.

Depending on the project and procedure, information may be required about the location, proposed use and technical design. This can include, for example:

- site or location plans;
- technical drawings;
- a description of the proposed project;
- structural calculations or other technical information;
- information about the proposed use;
- other project-specific information.

The exact requirements depend on the procedure and the part of the UK in which the project is located.

With the Kroftman Safety Dossier, you already have the available technical information about
the shelter to hand.

IN SHORT

A possible approval process involves both the technical side of the shelter and the rules that apply to its location and use.

For the technical side, Kroftman makes the available supporting documentation accessible in advance through the Kroftman Safety Dossier. This includes the Build book with structural calculations and technical drawings, test reports for the cover material and information on wind and snow loads.

Kroftman cannot determine which planning rules apply to your site or which permissions, approvals or procedures apply to your particular project. These must be checked for the specific location and the relevant part of the UK.

If you are unsure, contact the relevant planning authority and, where necessary, the authority or body responsible for building control or building standards.

This way, you know what Kroftman can technically support – and what still needs to be checked for your specific situation.

