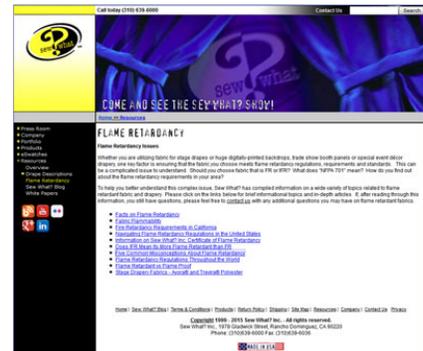




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## DOES “IFR” MEAN IT’S MORE FLAME RETARDANT THAN “FR” FABRIC?

Over the years Sew What? Inc. and its sister company Rent What? Inc. have encountered many questions from customers and potential customers about fabric flammability as it relates to stage draperies and theater curtains. We have shared numerous articles on the issue in part because it is one of our areas of expertise, but mostly because it’s an important topic and an area in which there are many misconceptions.



This includes knowing the differences between IFR, FR, NFR and other related terms, as they relate to fabrics and flame retardancy. One question we often hear is, “Does IFR mean it’s more flame retardant than “FR” fabric?”

The primary difference between FR and IFR fabrics is the method in which a fabric is made flame retardant. Either it is made flame retardant in the fiber stage (IFR) or it is made flame retardant after weaving (FR).

### For More Information on Flame Retardancy:

Whether you are utilizing fabric for stage drapes or huge digitally-printed backdrops, trade show booth panels or special event drapery, one key factor is ensuring that the fabric you choose meets flame retardancy regulations, requirements and standards. This can be a complicated issue to understand. You can find much more about flame retardancy issues on our website at <http://www.sewwhatinc.com/flameretardancy.php>.

### About Sew What? Inc.

Sew What? Inc., located in Rancho Dominguez, California, is a well-known stage and theatrical drapery manufacturer known for its dramatic theatrical drapes and fabrics used in major rock concerts, top fashion shows and other artistic staged venues. For information, contact Sew What? Inc. at (310) 639-6000, or email [inquiries@sewwhatinc.com](mailto:inquiries@sewwhatinc.com).

### About Rent What? Inc.

Rent What? Inc. is committed to providing an ultimate experience in drapery rental products and customer service. The company is widely regarded for its basic pricing schedules, innovative damage waiver policy and fast and friendly service. For information, contact Rent What? Inc. at (310) 639-6000 or visit [www.rentwhatinc.com](http://www.rentwhatinc.com).