

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE 2007 FIRE CODE (OFC)

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| PROPOSED CHANGE – OFC Record | Division: B | Reference Number: 2.8.3.2. |
| Corresponding NFC Record | Division: N/A | Reference Number: N/A |
| DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE | Amend Clause (1)(b) and add new Sentence (4) to address day care facilities in schools. | |
| EXISTING OFC PROVISIONS | <p>2.8.3.2. (1) Fire drills as described in Sentence 2.8.3.1.(1) shall be held at least once during each 12-month period for the supervisory staff, except that</p> <p>(a) in supported group living residences and intensive support residences regulated under the Services and Supports to Promote the Social Inclusion of Persons with Developmental Disabilities Act, 2008, day care centres, care occupancies, care and treatment occupancies and detention occupancies, fire drills shall be held at least monthly,</p> <p>(b) in schools attended by children, total evacuation fire drills shall be held three times in each of the fall and spring school terms, and</p> <p>(c) in buildings within the scope of Subsection 3.2.6. of Division B of the Building Code, fire drills shall be held every three months.</p> <p>(2) In addition to the requirements of Sentence (1), every employee in a hotel establishment shall take part in at least one fire drill during each 12-month period.</p> <p>(2.1) In addition to the requirements of Sentence (1), in care occupancies, care and treatment occupancies and retirement homes, a fire drill shall be carried out at least once during each 12-month period for an approved scenario representing the lowest staffing level complement in the occupancy in order to confirm that the requirements of Sentence 2.8.2.2.(1) have been met.</p> <p>(3) Records of a fire drill required by this Article shall be kept for 12 months after the fire drill.</p> | |
| PROPOSED OFC CHANGE | <p>2.8.3.2.(1)(b) in schools attended by children, total evacuation fire drills shall be held three times in each of the fall, spring and summer school terms, as applicable, and</p> <p>...</p> <p>(4) Despite Clause (1)(a), a day care centre as described in Sentence 2.10.1.1.(3) shall have fire drills carried out at the frequency described in</p> | |

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| | Clause (1)(b) and at times when the day care centre is in operation. |
| PROBLEM | <p>There are no fire drill requirements for schools during the summer months.</p> <p>The frequency of fire drills for school-based, licensed child care centres that provide care for children who are four years of age and older, is not aligned with the fire drill frequency for schools.</p> |
| RATIONALE FOR CHANGE | <p>Some schools open for summer school sessions and it is important that fire drills continue to be held if this occurs.</p> <p>Fire drills in school-based, licensed child care centres that provide care for children who are four years of age and older may be scheduled at the same frequency as those of the school in which they are based. This may result in one less fire drill per school season, however, it is felt that this would not adversely affect fire safety in the circumstances.</p> |
| IMPACT | This change will assist school-based, licensed child care operators with establishing fire drill schedules and if necessary, synchronizing these schedules with those of the host school. |
| IMPACT ON OTHER CODE PROVISIONS | See related change to Article 2.10.1.1.. |
| OBJECTIVE BASED ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGE OR NEW PROVISION | |
| FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT(S) AND LINK(S) TO OBJECTIVE(S) | <p>(1) NO CHANGE</p> <p>...</p> <p>(4) NOTE¹</p> |