



FIRE DEPARTMENT GUIDELINES SMALL SCALE TOURIST ACCOMODATION

Ontario Fire Code Section 1.1.1.1 states, "Unless otherwise specified, the owner shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this code."

- Once the application has been received by the Fire Department we will schedule the inspections.
- Licensed establishments shall be inspected by the Fire Department annually.
- Fire extinguishers shall be professionally serviced on an annual basis with a current tag prior to inspection.
- A \$50.00 re-inspection fee for non-serviced extinguishers or inoperable smoke detectors will apply.
- Non-inspected establishments will not receive their operating license.

FOR OCCUPANCIES WITH ONE (1) OR TWO (2) RENTED ROOMS AND NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) PERSONS:

- 1/ A working smoke detector is required for each floor including the basement either battery or electrically operated.
- 2/ At least one (1) minimum "2A-10BC rated fire extinguisher must be provided for each floor of the building, including the basement, and one for each kitchen area.
- 3/ A reasonable level of fire safety must be provided, for example:
 - ❑ Waste of combustible materials must not be allowed to accumulate,
 - ❑ There shall be no abuse of extension cords,
 - ❑ Flammable liquids, such as lawnmower gasoline must not be stored in the building.

FOR OCCUPANCIES WITH THREE (3) RENTED ROOMS OR MORE THAN FOUR (4) BUT LESS THAN TEN (10) PERSONS:

THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED UNDER PART 9.3 OF THE ONTARIO FIRE CODE AND MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1/ Interconnected smoke alarms must be installed on the ceiling of each floor adjacent to each stairway and on the ceiling in the basement adjacent to each stairway. These must comply with 9.3.4.1.(2) of the Ontario Fire Code.

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- 2/ One (1) exit must be provided from each of the first and second floors. Corridors that are contiguous to the stairwell may form part of the enclosure if the doors opening on the enclosure are a minimum 45mm solid core wood or suitable alternative and are equipped with automatic closers.
- 3/ If item #2 cannot be met the Fire Department may approve the addition of interconnected smoke alarms in each bedroom, as an alternative, provided an acceptable level of life safety is maintained.
- 4/ Internally or externally illuminated exit lights shall be located along the means of egress so that the directions of exit travel are apparent to the occupants.
- 5/ Interior finishes on walls and ceilings in the means of egress must not exceed a flame spread rating of 200.
- 6/ At least one (1) minimum “2A-10BC” rated fire extinguisher must be provided for each floor of the building, including the basement, and for each kitchen area.
- 7/ A reasonable level of fire safety must be provided, for example:
 - Waste of combustible materials must not be allowed to accumulate;
 - There shall be no abuse of extension cords;
 - Flammable liquids, such as lawnmower gasoline must not be stored in the building.
- 8/ For occupancies with four (4) or more rooms, contact the Fire Prevention Office for further details at 905-468-3266.

THESE ARE GENERAL GUIDELINES AND IT MUST BE NOTED THAT EACH BUILDING MUST BE INSPECTED AND JUDGED ON ITS OWN MERITS. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER PART 9.3 OF THE ONTARIO FIRE CODE MAY APPLY.