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Re: Health Care Occupancies – sprinkler systems and evacuation plans

It is required that all existing Health Care Occupancies after August 01, 2000, are required to have sprinkler systems in place. Prior to that date, they were not required.

I personally contacted the Fraser Health Licensing Branch's Chief Licensing Officer and he informed me that there are very few facilities remaining that do not have sprinkler systems installed. Any facilities that do not have sprinkler systems installed, it is up to us, the Authority Having Jurisdiction to dictate what is necessary to ensure the occupancy is adequately protected.

I have checked our FDM (Record Management System) and identified 17 care facilities in Delta and they all have sprinkler systems installed and they are required to be checked and serviced by an accredited company annually.

All existing Health Care Occupancies are required to have Fire Safety Plans.

- They shall have in effect and available to all supervisory personnel written copies of a plan for the protection of all persons in the event of a fire, for their evacuation to areas of refuge and for evacuation from the building where necessary.
- Drills shall be conducted quarterly on each shift to familiarize personnel.
- All employees of health care occupancies shall be instructed in Life Safety procedures and devices.

Our Fire Prevention Office annually inspects these occupancies to ensure compliance of all life safety requirements.

There are a few of the larger health care occupancies in Delta that have invited our Fire Prevention personnel along with Fire Suppression crews, to partake in their annual evacuation drills. We have our personnel attend and participate these drills as this is very important to ensure that these drills are efficiently coordinated and any modifications to the emergency evacuation plan get addressed immediately.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Cullen".

D/C Robin Cullen