

# Building Standards Advisory

Promoting construction of safe, healthy, habitable buildings

## Saskatchewan Amendments to the National Fire Code 2015

In Canada, provincial and territorial governments have the authority to enact legislation that regulates building design and construction within their jurisdictions. *The Fire Safety Act* is the legislation that sets out the framework for development, adoption, and implementation of fire safety and fire prevention standards in the Province of Saskatchewan. Under this framework, Saskatchewan has adopted the National Fire Code 2015 effective and in force January 1, 2018. Saskatchewan amends the National Fire Code as found in Appendix A of *The Fire Safety Regulations*.

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### Appendix A

#### Amendments to The National Fire Code of Canada 2015

[Subsection 3(1)]

1 The National Fire Code of Canada 2015 is amended in the manner set forth in this Appendix.

2 Article 1.4.1.2. of Division A is amended:

(a) by adding the following definition after the definition of *Air-supported structure*:

*Alternative family care home* means a *dwelling unit* used as a single housekeeping unit where *care* is provided to the residents,

- that provides sleeping accommodation for not more than 10 occupants, and
- that is in a *building* where:
  - the occupancy of the building is either *residential occupancy* or *care occupancy*, and
  - there is not more than one other *dwelling unit*;

(See Note A-1.4.1.2.(1) of Division A, Part 1 of the National Building Code of Canada 2015); and

(b) by repealing the definition of '*Building*' and substituting the following:

*Building* means a structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or *occupancy*, and includes an addition built to an existing structure and, where applicable, the land adjoining a structure; and

(c) by adding the following definition after the definition of *Business and personal services occupancy*:

*Capable of self-preservation* means that a person is capable of recognizing and responding to an emergency given his or her physical, cognitive and behavioural abilities, and is able to arise and walk, or transfer from a bed or chair to a means of mobility, and leave the building or move to a safe location on his or her own without the assistance of another person.



3 Sentence 1.3.1.1.(1) of Division B is repealed and the following is substituted:

**1.3.1.1. Effective Date**

- 1) Except as provided in Sentences (2), (3) and (4) or otherwise in this Code, the documents referenced in this Code shall include all amendments, revisions, reaffirmations, reapprovals, addenda and supplements effective to 30 June 2014.
- 2) All references to CSA B149.1-10 ‘Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code’ will be a reference to the latest edition adopted pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Regulations*.
- 3) All references to CSA B108-14 ‘Compressed Natural Gas Fuelling Station Installation Code’ will be a reference to the latest edition adopted pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Regulations*.
- 4) All references to CSA B149.2-10 ‘Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code’ will be a reference to the latest edition adopted pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Regulations*.
- 5) All references to CSA C22.1-12 ‘Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1’ will be a reference to the latest edition adopted pursuant to *The Electrical Inspection Regulations*.

4 Clause 2.8.3.2.(1)(a) of Division B is repealed and the following substituted:

- a) in day-care centres, *alternative family care homes* and in Group B *major occupancies*, such drills shall be held at intervals not greater than one month.

5 Sentence 4.2.4.1.(1) of Division B is repealed and the following substituted:

- 1) This Subsection shall apply to the storage and handling of *flammable liquids* and *combustible liquids* in *buildings* classified as *assembly* or *residential occupancies*, including *alternative family care homes*, except that it shall not apply to nonresidential schools, universities or colleges covered in Subsection 4.2.6.

6 Sentence 4.2.4.5.(1) of Division B is repealed and the following substituted:

- 1) Not more than 30L of *flammable liquids* and *combustible liquids*, of which not more than 10L shall be Class I liquids, are permitted to be stored in each dwelling unit or *alternative family care home*.

(See Sentence 4.1.1.1.(3) for oil-burning *appliances*.)

7 Subclause 5.5.5.1.(1)(b)(ii) of Division B is repealed and the following substituted:

- ii) *alternative family care homes* and Group B *major occupancies*, the quantities of *flammable liquids* and *combustible liquids* permitted in Sentence 4.2.6.3.(1).

(See Note A-5.5.5.1.(1).)

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