

London Housing Advisory Board Meeting – Fire Safety

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Fire Protection and Prevention Act/Ontario Fire Code

- Minimum standards for fire safety in the Province of Ontario
- Unified Fire Code
- Supersedes Municipal By Laws*
- Sets penalties for non compliance
- Legislated definitions specific to the Fire Code
- Partnered document to the Ontario Building Code
- Sets Legislated Rights for Assistants to the Fire Marshal
- Enforcement tool
- Allows for enforcement in areas that are not clearly defined

Who is responsible for fire safety?



Definition...

- **Owner** means any person, firm or corporation having control over any portion of the **building** or property under consideration and includes the persons in the **building** or property.

.....you are

Its not just a hole...



What your Inspectors do.....

- Assistants to the Fire Marshal of Ontario
- May enter any premise without warrant for the purpose of fire safety inspections
- May enter any land or premise where a fire has occurred or is likely to occur.
- Complaint based inspections
- Routine inspections
- Surprise inspections
- Education
- Plan reviews – building plans – Fire Safety Plans
- Evacuation Drills
- Fire Investigations

Looks safe?



Where we are in the community.

- Potentially every building within the City of London
- Residential Rental Unit Inspections
 - Business as usual for us
 - Zoning is not a concern of the FD
 - A slight increase in the amount of inspections of multiple unit dwellings
 - A large increase in single detached dwellings
- Continued focus on the dealing with our high fire risk buildings

...thanks for the work..



Who we serve.

- Every single person living, or visiting, or driving through the City of London
- Heavy focus on Vulnerable Occupancies
 - New mandatory sprinkler legislation for retirement and senior care facilities (about time)
 - Public Education programs designed specifically for seniors
 - Fire has the greatest impact on seniors and young children
- No defined term for student housing. Doesn't not exist in the building code or fire code.

My Project.....





Multi-unit Condo

Elderly female



3 story walk up housing vulnerable clients



SDD

Elderly couple