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# **RiskMATTERS**

### **INSPECTION TIP: FIRE CODE**

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Learning Objective: To discuss Fire Code as it pertains to Schools



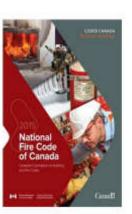
he Fire Code requires that all owners of buildings **shall be responsible** for carrying out the provisions of the Fire Code regardless of local Fire Commissioner, Fire Inspector or other AHJ (authority having jurisdiction) inspections. **Basically it's your building - you are required to meet all aspects of the Fire Code.** (NFC 2.2.1.1 – Responsibility)

### What Applies in Schools

- Applies to all new and existing buildings and facilities.
- Fire Safety Relates to specific elements of the building and facility, design or construction of the building, building protection as prescribed based on occupancy.
- Safety in Use Applies to activities related to the use of the building and facility, condition of the building or facility, inadequate built in protection for the building or facility.
- Designed to provide and maintain a Safe Building or Facility for all those who occupy.

## **Your Responsibilities**

- You are required to maintain a safe building.
- You are required to control storage in the building, including service rooms, hazardous processes areas, classrooms, etc.
- You are required to maintain a clear access to exits in buildings, maintain all exits, fire exit lights and emergency lights.
- You are required to maintain all fire protection equipment (fire extinguishers, fire alarms systems, sprinkler systems, standpipes, etc.)
- You are required to provide fire department access when requested including an emergency plan and a fire safety plan



### Inspection requirements should encompass (NFC 2.2.1.2 - Records)

- All classrooms, hallways, means of egress and fire exits.
- All storage rooms, service rooms, kitchens.
- 3. Fire safety systems, fire alarms, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, etc.
- 4. Hazardous Processes and Operations- Specific to IA Tech shops & Science labs.
- 5. Fire Safety Plans & Fire Drills.

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