

Manitoba Retrofit of Vulnerable Occupancies

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Presentation Content

- Canadian Fire History in Vulnerable Occupancies
- Characteristics of Legacy vs Modern Home Fires
- Manitoba Building/Fire Code Amendments for Fire Sprinklers in Residential Care Facilities

Fires in Canadian Care Facilities & Retirement Homes



• 1969 –Notre Dame-du-Lac, QC 54 Killed

1976 -Goulds, NL 22 Killed

- 1980 -Mississauga, ON 21 Killed
- 1995 -Mississauga, ON 8 Killed























- Legacy Home (26 minutes) Today's Home (2:40 minutes) Natural Material Furnishing Synthetic Material Furnishing



In November 2009, Underwriters Laboratories conducted a side by side comparison of two simulated living room fires. The purpose was to gain knowledge on the difference between modern and legacy furnishings. The rooms measured 12 ft by 12 ft with an 8ft ceiling and had an 8 ft wide by 7 ft tall opening on the front wall. Both rooms contained similar amounts of like furnishings.

Both rooms were ignited by placing a lit stick candle on the right side of the sofa. The fires were allowed to grow until flashover.

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Princess Fire sprinklers operate 91% of the time in fire sprinklered buildings. The main factors involved for fire sprinklers not activating are building owners not maintaining their fire sprinkler systems, and the fire was put out prior to fire sprinkler activation.



What NFPA Standard do I Use? New Residential Care Facilities				
No. Storey	Sleeping Provided for	NFPA Standard		
Not more than 2 Suites	Up to 4 persons	13 D		
Up to and Including 4 Storeys	Up to 10 persons	13 R		
All Storeys	11 or more persons	13		



What NFPA Standard do I Use? Existing Residential Care Facilities

No. Storey	Sleeping Provided for	NFPA Standard
Not more than 2 Suites	Up to 4 persons	13 D*
Up to and Including 3 Storeys	5 to 25 persons	13 R
All Storeys	26 or more persons	13

* A sprinkler system is deemed necessary by the Licensing Authority after conducted a risk assessment.





















NFPA 13R	Vs NFPA 13D	Differences
NFPA Standard	NFPA 13R	NFPA 13D
Purpose of Standard	To provide a sprinkler system that aids in the detection and control of residential fires and thus provides improved protection against injury, life loss, and property damage.	To provide a sprinkler system that aids in the detection and control of residential fires and thus provides improved protection against injury and life loss.
Water Supply	30 Minutes	30 Minutes
Component Listing Requirements	Required for all except; Hangers, Rod, & Pipe identified in standard	Required for all except; Tanks, Expansion Tanks, Fire Pumps, Hangers, Water flow Detection Devices, and Water flow Valves shall not be required to be listed
Pipe & Fittings	Common Requirements	Common Requirements; Multipurpose Systems permits the use of ½" pipe for certain (Network Systems such as PEX)
Underground Piping	Not within scope, assumed to conform to local plumbing codes	Not within scope, assumed to conform to local plumbing codes
Fire Sprinklers	Residential or Quick Response	Residential
Fire Department Connection	Single 1½" or 2½" Connection; accessible by a fire department that exceeds 2000 ft ² (186m ²) or are more than a single story.	Not Required
Alarm Detection	Required (If building alarm is installed, water flow alarm must be connected)	Not Required if Smoke Detectors are installed



NFPA 13R Vs NFPA 13D Differences					
NFPA Standard	NFPA 13R	NFPA 13D			
Design (Sprinkler System Demand)	Most Hydraulically Remote Compartment Max. 4 Sprinklers (Inside Dwelling Unit) (Outside Dwelling Unit See Note 1)	Most Hydraulically Remote Compartment Maximum 2 Sprinklers			
Design (Sprinkler Discharge)	0.05 gpm/ ft ² or Listing of Sprinkler	0.05 gpm/ ft ² or Listing of Sprinkler			
Sprinkler Omissions	Attics, Garages, Closetsetc. (See Note 1)	Attics, Garages, Closetsetc. (See Note 2)			
Sprinklers on Balconies	(See Note 1)	(See Note 2)			
Note 1: (see NFPA 13R for additional information)					
 Bathrooms do not require sprinklers if area ≤ 55 sq. ft. combustible materials. greater than the demand for a total of four sprinklers where all of the following conditions are met: (1) The area is compartmented in areas d 500 H2 (46 m2) or less by 30-minute filter-tated construction. for light hazard, or the allowable coverage d the sprinkler listing. (3) Openings have a linte al less 10. (203 m) in depth. (4) The total area of openings does not exceed 50 ft2 (4.6m2) for eash compartment. (5) Discharge densities are in accordance with NFPA 13. Attached garages are not exempt from requiring sprinklers. 					
Note 2: (see NFPA 13D for additional information)					
Closets/pantries do not require sprinklers if area \$ 24 sq. ft. least dimension \$ 3 ft. and walls/ceilings are surfaced with non-combustible or limited combustible materials. Attached garages or carports, open porches, open balconies, and exterior corridors/stairs do not require sprinklers					























Fire Sprinkler Antifreeze Systems

- New Systems (NFPA 13D Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes)
- 48% glycerine 38% propylene glycol
- Allowed in specific areas of the dwelling unit, but only where the AHJ approves Documentation will need to be provided to the AHJ to
- justify the use of the antifreeze.
- Existing Systems (systems installed before September 30, 2012)
- 50% glycerine 40% propylene glycol
- Must use premixed solution
- Listed products when they become available









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- Hydraulics for Fire Protection (1-Day)
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- NFPA I3 & 13 R/D Residential Overview (I-Day)
- Protection of Storage (2-Day)
- Pumps for Fire Protection (I-Day)
 Seismic Protection of Sprinkler Systems (I-Day)
- Sprinkler System Installation Requirements (I-Day)
- Sprinkler System Plan Review (2-Day)
- Standpipe Systems for Fire Protection (I-Day)
- Understanding, Applying, & Enforcing NFPA 25 (I-Day)

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- Pumps for Fire Protection
- Understanding Applying and Enforcing NFPA 25
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 - teaching about the importance of the fire sprinkler - industry beginning with the novice learners to the advanced
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- We must remind ourselves that education is key and are industry must find ways to get people interested in learning fire sprinklers.



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