

**Requirements for Retirement Homes*
Care Occupancies and Care and Treatment Occupancies
In Ontario Regulation 150/13**

Compliance Schedule

Fire Code Reference	Requirement <i>This text is provided for convenience purposes only. For complete and accurate reference, please refer to Ontario Regulation 150/13.</i>	Compliance Date						
		Jan 1, 2014	Mar 1, 2014	Jan 1, 2015	Jan 1, 2016	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2025
Division B - Section 2.8 Fire Safety Planning								
2.8.1.1.(1)	Fire safety plan required for all facilities.	√						
2.8.2.1.(6),(7)	Training of supervisory staff under a fire safety plan must be recorded and retained.	√						
2.8.2.2.(1)	Sufficient supervisory staff required to carry out the duties as outlined in fire safety plan.	√						
2.8.3.2.(2.1)	A fire drill must be carried out once a year, for a scenario approved by the Chief Fire Official representing the lowest staffing level complement in order to confirm compliance with Sentence 2.8.2.2.(1).	√						
2.8.3.3.	The Chief Fire Official must be notified within a time period approved by the Chief Fire Official of every drill carried out under Sentence 2.8.3.2.(2.1).	√						
Division B – Section 9.4 Health Care Retrofit								
9.4.5.5.	Sprinkler system required in buildings that contain either a home for special care with more than ten (10) residents or a long term care home if the occupancy of the home is a care occupancy or a care and treatment occupancy.							√
Division B - Section 9.7 Buildings with a Care Occupancy or Retirement Home Retrofit								
9.7.1.3.	This Article continues the technical requirements of Sections 9.5 and 9.6 which applies to Retirement Homes and Care facilities.							
9.7.2.1	Self-closing devices are required on doors to suites and sleeping rooms not in suites. (see Exceptions below)				√			
9.7.3.1.	Emergency lighting: Must have in all exit stairways, public corridors and principal access to exits in buildings over three (3) stories high or buildings that provide sleeping accommodation for more than ten (10) persons.			√				
9.7.4.1.	Fire alarm monitoring is required, except where interconnected smoke alarm system is provided.			√				
9.7.4.2.	Notification to fire department, where sprinkler system is activated except where fire alarm system or interconnected smoke alarm system has provision to notify fire department.			√				
9.7.4.3.	Smoke alarm required in each suite or sleeping room not within a suite that is not equipped with a smoke detector.		√					
9.7.4.4.	Voice communication systems are required in buildings that contain a care occupancy or a retirement home on a floor that is 18 meters above grade – various options permitted.				√			
9.7.5.1.	Sprinkler system meeting NFPA 13 requirements in all buildings, unless otherwise specified. (see Exceptions below)							√
Division C - Section 1.2 Qualifications								
1.2.3.2.(1)	Every person required to implement a fire safety plan must have completed an acceptable training program/course acceptable to the Fire Marshal.						√	
1.2.4.2.(1)	Every Chief Fire Official responsible for approving a fire safety plan must have completed an acceptable training program/course acceptable to the Fire Marshal.						√	
Exceptions – Design Options								
Div B – 9.7.2.1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Self-closing devices are not required if public corridor is divided into at least two (2) zones by fire separations and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each zone can accommodate, in addition to its own occupants, the occupants of the adjacent zone based upon allowing 1.6 m² per person. The travel distance from any point in one zone to another zone does not exceed 25 m and contains smoke-tight doors with self-closing devices. Self-closing devices are not required for buildings not greater than three (3) stories high that provide sleeping accommodations for not more than ten (10) persons . 							
Div B – 9.7.5.1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> NFPA 13D – Buildings not greater than three (3) stories high providing sleeping accommodations for no more than ten (10) persons. Minimum water quantity requirements apply. NFPA 13R – Buildings not greater than six (6) stories high. Existing sprinkler systems meeting specified discharge density. No sprinkler system required where building is provided with interconnected smoke alarms, is no more than three (3) stories high and provides sleeping accommodation for no more than four (4) persons. 							

*Regulated by the *Retirement Homes Act*