



# Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## Accessory Seasonal Farm Worker Accommodations Smoke Alarm Requirements

A building used or altered for use as a Seasonal Farm Worker Accommodations must meet applicable Abbotsford Zoning Bylaws, Abbotsford Building Bylaws 2597-2016 and BC Building Code Requirements. (For more information, please refer to BULLETIN 2018-001 from Abbotsford Building Permits & Licenses)

- *BC Building Code* – governs minimum design requirements for all buildings and changes to buildings for a particular use (fire separations, exits and egress routes, smoke and fire alarms, plumbing, ventilation)

In order to keep the building safe for its occupants, the Seasonal Farm Worker Accommodations must **also** meet applicable BC Fire Code Requirements.

- *BC Fire Code (BCFC)* – contains technical requirements designed to provide an acceptable level of fire safety. For example:
  - *BCFC Part 2* – Building and Occupant Safety
  - *BCFC Part 6* – Fire Protection Equipment

**(Note: All Fire Protection Equipment shall be inspected, tested, maintained and operated as per BCFC Part 6)**

### **Minimum Smoke Alarm Requirements (maximum capacity 10 persons)**

(As per the BC Building Code)

*At least one interconnected hardwired smoke alarm is to be installed on each storey, including basements.*

***In addition:***

#### **Sleeping Rooms:**

- *Smoke alarms hardwired, interconnected in each bedroom (max capacity 10 persons without fire alarm) must be in good working order, installed as per manufacturer's instructions and be within the unit service expiry date.*

#### **Interconnection of Smoke Alarms**

- *Smoke Alarms shall be wired so that the activation of one alarm will cause all alarms within dwelling to sound.*

#### **Instructions for Maintenance and Care**

- *Where instructions are necessary to describe the maintenance and care required for smoke alarms to ensure continuing satisfactory performance, they shall be posted in a location where they will be readily available to the occupants for reference. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for proper care and maintenance.*

#### **Fire Alarm system is required for any occupant load in excess of 10 persons.**

- *This requirement may be waived where an exit or public corridor serves not more than 4 sleeping rooms and each room has direct access to an exterior exit facility leading to ground level.*