



# Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management



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# Agenda

## Fire Safety for Vulnerable Occupancies

- Regulations and FM Directives
  - Effective January 1, 2014
  - Approved Fire Drill Scenario



# Vulnerable Occupancies refers to:

- Retirement Homes regulated under the *Retirement Homes Act*
- Care and Treatment Occupancies
- Care Occupancies



# Regulations – Effective January 1, 2014

150/13 – Amendment to the Fire Code

364/13 – Mandatory Inspection and Fire Drill in  
Vulnerable Occupancy

365/13 – Mandatory Assessment of Complaints  
and Requests for Approval



# FM Directives – Effective January 1, 2014

2014-001: Registry of Vulnerable Occupancies

2014-002: Vulnerable Occupancies:

- Fire Drill Scenarios and Observations
- Fire Safety Inspections

2014-003: Inspections of All Buildings



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# Ontario Regulation 150/13

## Affects

- Retirement Homes regulated by the Retirement Homes Act
- Care and Treatment Occupancies
- Care Occupancies





# Retirement Home Definition

## Fire Code Definition

.....means a retirement home regulated under the **Retirement Homes Act, 2010**, regardless of whether it is a **care occupancy** or a **residential occupancy**.



# Retirement Homes Act (RHA)

Operator requires a license





# Retirement Home Definition (RHA)

Residential Complex or the part of a Residential Complex

- Occupied primarily by persons 65 years of age or older,  
and
- Occupied/intended to be occupied by at least 6 persons  
not related to operator,  
and
- Operator makes at least 2 care services available.



# RHA – Care Services

- Administration of a drug
- Assistance with feeding
- Assistance with bathing
- Continence care
- Assistance with dressing
- Assistance with personal hygiene
- Provisions of a meal
- Assistance with ambulation
- The provisions of a dementia care program
- The provision of a skin and wound care program



# RHA – Care Services, Cont'd

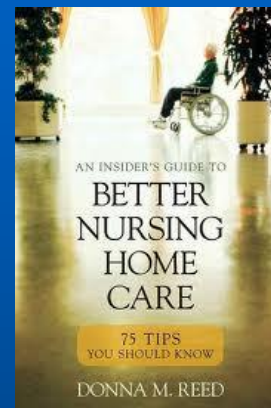
Any service that a member of the Ontario College of:

- Physicians and Surgeons provides while engaged in the practice of medicine
- Nurses provides while engaged in the practice of nursing
- Pharmacists provides while engaged in the practice of pharmacy



# Care and Treatment Occupancy

Occupancy in which persons receive special care and treatment.





# Care Occupancy Definition

means an **occupancy** in which special care is provided by a facility, directly through its staff or indirectly through another provider, to residents of the facility.....



# Care Occupancy Definition, Cont'd

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- (a) who require special care because of cognitive or physical limitations, and
- (b) who, as a result of those limitations, would be incapable of evacuating the **occupancy**, if necessary, without the assistance of another person.





# Care Occupancy as Residential Occupancy

A *care occupancy*  
may be classified as a  
*Group C major occupancy*



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OBC 3.1.2.5.



# Care Occupancy as Residential Occupancy

- Occupants live as a single housekeeping unit in a *suite*,
- Sleeping accommodation provided for not more than 10 persons, and,
- Not more than 2 occupants require assistance in evacuation in case of an emergency.



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# Fire Safety Planning

Fire safety plan  
required for each  
retirement home



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