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Ms. Susan Eng
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Dear Ms. Eng:

Thank you for your letter in which you are polling jurisdictions on legislated requirements for sprinklers in nursing homes, as well as information on legislation and enforcement for safety and evacuation plans and staff training.

The requirement for sprinkler protection in nursing homes, community care facilities and assisted living occupancies (long term care facilities) can be found in the NFPA Codes, which Prince Edward Island has adopted through the Codes and Standards regulations within the *Fire Prevention Act*.

Those same codes also contain a requirement that every facility has written fire escape plans and that facility staff participate in annual table top drills to practice these plans.

In Prince Edward Island, there are no grandfather clauses allowing older facilities to disregard the regulations. All long term care facilities are compelled to comply with the Codes and Standards regulations, and are inspected annually as a condition of their license to operate. As well, facilities must file with the Fire Marshal's Office proof that the sprinkler systems have been inspected and certified by systems specialists annually.

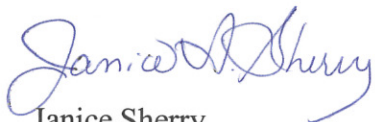
Annual inspections to ensure fire escape plans are up to date and regularly practiced are conducted by the Department of Health and Wellness, which is the licensing body for long term care facilities, and the Fire Marshal's Office completes fire safety inspections at each facility at every year.

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We take the safety of our citizens very seriously, and I know we share this vision with members of CARP. I want to thank you for advancing the rights and dignity of all persons, for advocating on behalf of many who may otherwise not be heard, and for working so diligently to ensure a safe and secure environment for all.

Sincerely,



Janice Sherry
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