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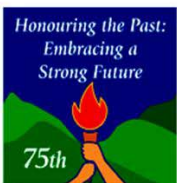
Proposed Ontario Building Code Change: Sprinkler Systems

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating applauds and supports the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for proposing changes to the Building Code that would require sprinklers in multi-unit residential buildings over three storey's in height.

Advancements in the design and installation of the sprinkler systems in recent years have reduced their overall costs. Regulations making them mandatory have reduced the expense even further. The American Fire Sprinkler Association estimates that sprinklers add \$1 to \$1.24 per square foot to the cost of construction.

"The Institute believes that this requirement will enhance the standards for public health and safety. The change will also harmonize this code requirement with the model National Building Code of Canada which included this requirement in 1995", reports CIPH President and General Manager Ralph Suppa.

We appreciate the Ministry's leadership in providing new ways to keep buildings at the forefront of fire safety for Ontarians and the opportunity for the Institute to provide feedback on this important issue.



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