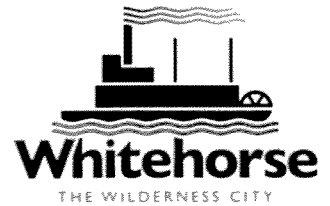




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Advisory #7– Interconnection of Smoke Alarms in Dwelling Units and Dwelling Units with Secondary Suites.

The National Building Code of Canada 2015, (NBC) which is adopted in Yukon, under the Yukon Building Standards Act, contains provisions for the installation and connection of smoke alarms within dwelling units and dwelling units with secondary suites.

Although the Territory adopts the National Building Code (NBC), it is administered within Whitehorse by the City of Whitehorse, Building Officials and in all other parts of Yukon; the Yukon Government Building Officials administer it. This advisory #7 will explain a code change to the 2015 NBC that will give the construction industry, designers and, contractors another option for the interconnection of smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms required within the current 2015 NBC must conform to CAN/ULC-S531 “Smoke Alarms” and be installed in conformance with CAN/ULC-S553 “Installation of Smoke Alarms”.

The NBC also requires that all required smoke alarms within a dwelling and, a dwelling with a secondary suite, be connected to the electrical system within the dwelling unit with no override between the smoke alarm and the overcurrent device and, be interconnected by way of a physical connection with each other or allow for a new method of interconnection. The use of wireless technology will permit a method of achieving the requirement for smoke alarms to be interconnected.

INTERCONNECTED - Installed to operate in combination with other smoke-alarms to provide common signaling on all smoke-alarms such that activation of one smoke-alarm will cause all connected smoke-alarms to sound.
(CAN/ULC-S553 “Installation of Smoke Alarms”)

We would like to inform you that, the Yukon Government and the City of Whitehorse will accept the use of wireless technology to interconnect all required smoke alarms within a dwelling and, a dwelling with secondary suite.

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