



Bed & Breakfast Guidelines

It is the intent of the fire department to ensure that all licenced Bed and Breakfast occupancies in the Town of Qualicum Beach follow applicable safety codes.

Fire department personnel will schedule annual fire and life safety inspections with the homeowners of these occupancies to review the following items:

- Residential address is clearly visible from the road.
- Each bedroom shall have two means of immediate egress from the floor.
- Paths of egress must be clear from any obstruction.
- Exit doors must be accessible and locks should be operable from the inside with a simple latch.
- At least one smoke alarm shall be installed on each floor, in each bedroom, and in every hallway serving a bedroom.
- Smoke alarms shall be hardwired, with battery back-up and interconnected with other smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms shall be tested regularly and batteries shall be replaced annually.
- Replace smoke alarms over 10 years old.
- At least one portable fire extinguisher shall be located on each floor, mounted near an exit in a clearly visible location, no higher than 150cm (60 inches) from the floor.
- Fire extinguishers shall be (5 pound) dry chemical with a rating of 2A-10B:C
- Fire extinguishers shall be inspected annually by a certified technician.
- Residencies with any fuel-burning appliances shall have carbon monoxide detectors installed on each floor.
- Extension cords are not permitted for permanent use and electrical outlets must not be overloaded.
- Heat sources must be kept clear of all combustibles.

It expected that the operator or owner of the bed and breakfast resides onsite and is present anytime the rental rooms are occupied.

Though not required by code, we would encourage following other good practices, such as:

- Post a list of emergency numbers
- Post an emergency exit plan showing paths of egress and a safe muster point
- Discourage smoking and use of any open flames indoors.
- Provide non-combustible trash containers.
- Ensure BBQs are kept clean and clear from any combustibles.
- Have gas appliances serviced regularly
- Have chimneys cleaned annually



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