

Office of the Fire Commissioner



New Regulation under the Fires Prevention and
Emergency Response Act

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The Fire Safety Inspections (2014) Regulation M.R. 208/2014 was registered under *The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Act (FPERA)* on August 11, 2014.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner consulted with key stakeholders through the Fire Safety Inspections Committee (the Committee) to develop this new requirement while taking into consideration the expertise and training challenges that exist in Manitoba. The Committee includes representatives from the Manitoba Association of Fire Chiefs, as well as the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the insurance industry.

The Fire Safety Inspections (2014) Regulation M.R. 208/2014 repealed and replaced the Fire Safety Inspections Regulation M.R. 73/2007 under the *FPERA*. The new regulation requires that a local authority ensure that a fire safety inspection of a high-hazard industrial occupancy (a building classified under the Manitoba Building Code as belonging to Group F, Division 1) within its boundaries is conducted during the following:

- Minimum of 1 inspection during August 11, 2014 – July 1, 2017
- Minimum of 1 inspection during every 24 month period after July 1, 2017

The new Fire Safety Inspections (2014) Regulation ensures that high hazard industrial occupancies are in compliance with the Manitoba Fire Code to help improve safety for those working in such facilities. It also clarifies requirements with respect to timing of inspections for new buildings and updates outdated references.

To see the full regulation and any exceptions that may apply, please visit:
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2014/208.pdf>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please follow up with the Office of the Fire Commissioner by email Firecomm@gov.mb.ca or phone at 204-945-3322 or 1-800-282-8069 (toll-free).

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