



Fire Safety Education Series

Dear Tenant and Landlord

The means of egress (hallways, stairways, entrances, foyers, lobbies, etc) are important fire safety zones within a building. These areas are present for use by many different people and agencies including emergency response. These common areas are not for the exclusive use of the tenant or landlord. The Ontario Fire Code is very clear that a Means of Egress shall be maintained in good repair and FREE OF OBSTRUCTIONS.

The introduction of anything into the means of egress is seen as a violation of this provision of the Ontario Fire Code and can be subject to a Part 3 Provincial Offence. More importantly, anything left in the means of egress can result in delays in evacuation and/or delays in response significantly compounding a fire emergency. Be respectful of your neighbors and ensure that you do not leave anything in a means of egress.

For more information on the Ontario Fire Code you may contact North Bay Fire & Emergency Services or you can access the legislation online at the follow address:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/070213> .

Regards,

North Bay Fire & Emergency Services