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## 2007 Ontario Fire Code Section 9.9 HOTEL RETROFIT REQUIREMENTS DOES YOUR HOTEL COMPLY?

Building Audits for hotels were required to be completed by January 1st, 2008  
All Requirements are to be complied with by January 1st, 2012

### PROPOSED SERVICES

LRI is available to provide the following:

- Part 9 Ontario Fire Code Building Audits,
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- Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Design,
- Fire Protection System Testing/Commissioning,
- Emergency Preparedness Reviews and Planning,
- Fire Safety Plans and Training,
- Equivalency determination,
- Building Condition Studies.

### Dear Hotel Manager,

In case you are unaware, the 2007 Ontario Fire Code has included Section 9.9 Hotels which provides the retrofit requirements for all hotel establishments. A Building Audit for a hotel was required to be completed by January 1, 2008.

**All Requirements are to be complied with by January 1, 2012.**

We have provided the following questions that may be applied to your building in order to determine if it is considered a hotel and therefore subject to the retrofit requirements.

#### Q1: *Is my establishment considered a 'Hotel'?*

A1: The Fire Code defines a hotel as "a floor area, areas, or part of a floor area containing four or more suites that provide sleeping accommodation for the travelling public or for recreational purposes".

#### Q2: *My establishment meets the definition of a 'Hotel'. Does the Fire Code apply to me?*

A2: Yes it does. Parts 1 through 8 apply as of January 1, 2007. Section 9.9 Hotels contains mandatory retrofit requirements for existing hotels which will be phased in over five years, beginning January 1, 2007. For details see questions 3 and 4.

#### Q3: *How much time will I have to comply with Section 9.9 Hotels?*

A3: With many items in Section 9.9 Hotels, there is a phase-in compliance schedule. Those items carried over from the old hotel regulations came into force on January 1, 2007. Other items come into force on specific dates over a five year period up to January 1, 2012.

#### Q4: *What happens if my property is not in compliance with the Fire Code?*

A4: Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in prosecution and significant penalties for each offence. These include:

- \$100,000 maximum fine for corporations,
- \$50,000 maximum fine or imprisonment up to one year, or both for a director or office of a corporation,
- \$50,000 maximum fine or imprisonment up to one year, or both for individuals.

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