

Section 6.9. Fire Safety Systems

6.9.1. General

6.9.1.1. Fire Safety Requirements

1) The fire safety characteristics of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems shall comply with Subsection 3.6.5.

2) Characteristics referred to in Sentence (1) include but are not limited to

- a) use of *combustible* materials in duct systems,
- b) *flame-spread ratings* and smoke-developed ratings of duct and pipe materials and coverings,
- c) installation of equipment relative to property lines, and
- d) requirements for *fire dampers* and *fire stop flaps*.

6.9.1.2. Hazardous Gases, Dusts or Liquids

1) Except as provided in Subsection 6.3.4., systems serving spaces that contain hazardous gases, dusts or liquids shall be designed, constructed and installed to conform to the requirements of the applicable provincial or territorial regulations or municipal bylaws or, in the absence of such regulations or bylaws, to good engineering practice such as that described in the publications of the National Fire Protection Association and in the British Columbia Fire Code. (See Note A-6.9.1.2.(1).)

2) When indoor piping for Class I *flammable liquids* is installed in a trench, the trench shall be

- a) provided with positive ventilation to the outdoors, or
- b) designed to prevent the accumulation of flammable vapours.

6.9.1.3. Commercial Cooking Equipment

1) Fire protection systems for commercial cooking equipment referred to in Sentence 6.3.1.7.(1) using vegetable oil or animal fat shall conform to

- a) ANSI/UL 300, "Fire Testing of Fire Extinguishing Systems for Protection of Commercial Cooking Equipment," or
- b) ULC/ORD-C1254.6, "Fire Testing of Restaurant Cooking Area Fire Extinguishing System Units."

6.9.2. Dampers and Ductwork

6.9.2.1. Fire Dampers

1) *Fire dampers* shall conform to Article 3.1.8.10.

6.9.2.2. Smoke Detectors

1) Air handling systems shall incorporate *smoke detectors* where and as required by Article 3.2.4.12.

6.9.2.3. Exhaust Ducts and Outlets

1) Where an *exhaust duct* system is used for smoke removal in a high *building*, the requirements of Article 3.2.6.6. shall apply.

2) Where *exhaust duct* systems from more than one *fire compartment* are connected to an *exhaust duct* in a vertical service space, the requirements of Article 3.6.3.4. shall apply.

6.9.2.4. Ducts in Exits

1) Where ducts penetrate *fire separations* separating *exits* from the remainder of the *building*, they shall be in accordance with Article 3.4.4.4.

6.9.3. Carbon Monoxide Alarms

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- 1) This Article applies to every *building* that contains a *residential occupancy*, a *care occupancy* with individual *suites*, or a *care occupancy* containing sleeping rooms not within a *suite*, and that also contains
 - a) a fuel-burning *appliance*, or
 - b) a *storage garage*.
- 2) Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms required by this Article shall
 - a) conform to CAN/CSA-6.19, “Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarming Devices,”
 - b) be equipped with an integral alarm that satisfies the audibility requirements of CAN/CSA-6.19, “Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarming Devices,”
 - c) have no disconnect switch between the overcurrent device and the CO alarm, where the CO alarm is powered by the electrical system serving the *suite* (see Note A-6.9.3.1.(2)(c)), and
 - d) be mechanically fixed at a height above the floor as recommended by the manufacturer.
- 3) Where a fuel-burning *appliance* is installed in a *suite of residential occupancy* or in a *suite of care occupancy*, a CO alarm shall be installed
 - a) inside each bedroom, or
 - b) outside each bedroom, within 5 m of each bedroom door, measured following corridors and doorways.
- 4) Where a fuel-burning *appliance* is installed in a *service room* that is not in a *suite of residential occupancy* nor in a *suite of care occupancy*, a CO alarm shall be installed
 - a) either inside each bedroom, or if outside, within 5 m of each bedroom door, measured following corridors and doorways, in every *suite of residential occupancy* or *suite of care occupancy* that shares a wall or floor/ceiling assembly with the *service room*, and
 - b) in the *service room*.
- 5) For each *suite of residential occupancy* or *suite of care occupancy* that shares a wall or floor/ceiling assembly with a *storage garage* or that is adjacent to an attic or crawl space to which the *storage garage* is also adjacent, a CO alarm shall be installed
 - a) inside each bedroom, or
 - b) outside each bedroom, within 5 m of each bedroom door, measured following corridors and doorways.

6.9.4. Ash Storage

6.9.4.1. Ash Storage Bins

- 1) Every ash storage bin shall be constructed of *noncombustible* material.
- 2) Every opening in an ash storage bin shall be protected by a tight-fitting metal door with metal frame securely fastened to the bin.

6.9.4.2. Fireplaces

- 1) Fireplaces shall conform to the requirements of Section 9.22.