

## Section 7.1. General

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#### 7.1.1.1. Application

1) This Part provides for the inspection, testing and maintenance of the fire emergency systems installed in high *buildings* as defined in Subsection 3.2.6. of Division B of the British Columbia Building Code.

#### 7.1.1.2. Testing Fire Emergency Systems

1) Except as provided in Sentence (2), fire emergency systems required to be installed in *buildings* in conformance with Subsection 3.2.6. of Division B of the British Columbia Building Code shall be tested in conformance with Sections 7.2. and 7.3.

2) Any fire emergency system required by Subsection 3.2.6. of Division B of the British Columbia Building Code that does not conform to a specific measure outlined in Commentary C of the “User’s Guide – NBC 1995 Fire Protection, Occupant Safety and Accessibility (Part 3)” shall be tested to ensure that it operates as intended.

3) Deficiencies noted during the testing described in Sentences (1) and (2) shall be corrected.

#### 7.1.1.3. Records

1) A written record shall be kept of all tests and corrective measures required by Article 7.1.1.2., and such record shall be retained for examination by the *authority having jurisdiction*, in conformance with Article 2.2.1.2. of Division C.

#### 7.1.1.4. Maintenance of Fire Emergency Systems

1) In addition to the requirements of Part 6, components of fire emergency systems shall be maintained in conformance with Sentences (2) to (5).

2) The keys required to recall elevators and to permit independent operation of each elevator shall be kept in the locations required by Subsection 3.2.6. of Division B of the British Columbia Building Code.

3) Access to windows and panels required to vent *floor areas* and vents to vestibules permitted to be manually openable shall be kept free of obstruction.

4) Windows and panels provided for venting *floor areas* shall be maintained so as to be openable without the use of keys.

5) Vents to vestibules permitted to be manually openable shall be maintained in an operable condition.