



Building Standards

All buildings in New Brunswick must be built or renovated according to the standards of the National Building Code and the National Fire Code. This ensures that buildings are fire-safe and structurally secure.

The Office of the Fire Marshal is responsible for fire safety inspections, and review of building plans for New Brunswick residents. These are done through the Department of Public Safety's Technical Inspection Services division.

Fire Safety Inspections

The inspection of apartments or buildings falls under your local fire department if you live in Bathurst, Campbellton, Dieppe, Edmundston, Fredericton, Miramichi, Moncton, Oromocto, Riverview and Saint John.

For all other areas, contact your local Technical Inspection Services division.

Plan Reviews

As per the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Act, all plans and specifications for the construction, conversion, or structural alterations of buildings must be filed with the Office of the Fire Marshal for approval.

Once the plans have been reviewed, the Office of the Fire Marshal may direct changes. A letter outlining the changes may be sent to the builder, architect, or owner, with a copy sent to the Regional Fire Inspector and local fire department. No construction may begin until plans have been approved by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Building and Fire Codes

The [2010 National Building Code of Canada](#) (NBC) addresses the design and construction of new buildings and the substantial renovation of existing buildings.

The [2010 National Fire Code of Canada](#) (NFC) provides minimum fire safety requirements for buildings, structures and areas where hazardous materials are used, and addresses fire protection and fire prevention in the ongoing operation of buildings and facilities.

Copies of both documents are available from the [National Research Council Canada](#).