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## ONTARIO REGULATION 275/14: FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) is pleased to announce the filing of [Ontario Regulation 275/14](#), a regulation made under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, that comes into force on January 1, 2015, and amends the 2007 Fire Code (Ontario Regulation 213/07) with changes that clarify requirements for licensed child care programs in schools, provided for children enrolled in full-day kindergarten and higher grades.

The amendments to the Fire Code, developed in consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Education, include the following:

- aligning fire drill requirements for these programs with those for schools so that fire drills take place at the same frequency;
- clarifying that fire drills for these programs must take place during their hours of operation;
- Exempting these programs from fire safety requirements for day care centres under Section 2.10 of the Fire Code; and
- requiring fire drills for schools during summer terms, as applicable.

Introducing these amendments resulted in the numbering of some provisions in Part 2 of the Fire Code to be changed and, as a consequence, in amendments to Ontario Regulation 364/13 to be made.

Proposed changes to the Fire Code were posted for [public consultation](#) on the Ontario Regulatory Registry in April 2014. The OFMEM extends its appreciation to all stakeholders who provided feedback during the public consultation period.

Enquiries regarding the new regulation may be directed to the Technical Services Section of the OFMEM. Staff members can be reached by telephone at (647) 329-1100 or by e-mail at [FireSafetyStandards@ontario.ca](mailto:FireSafetyStandards@ontario.ca).