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A message from Vancouver Fire Rescue Services

Vancouver Fire Rescue Services understand the concern of many fire protection service companies and their technicians about entering residential suites during the COVID-19 crisis.

At this time, Vancouver Fire Rescue Services will accept annual inspection and testing of fire protection systems that has deferred testing of fire protection devices within residential suites, other than hotels, motels and care occupancies. The deferral is to be documented in the test reports. However, the building owner and managers, and the occupants of residential suites should be advised that they should still test their smoke alarms (that are not part of the building fire alarm system) within suites to ensure they are in working order, replace batteries as required, and to replace smoke alarms that are over 10 years old.

If a fire protection system is out of service, the building owner and managers must be advised that they must repair the fire protection system as soon as possible and a fire watch put in place immediately. The requirements for a fire watch are provided in the following two documents “Fire Watch Requirements” and “Fire Watch Log”.