

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION POLICY
Council Policy No. 152/22

POLICY:

Pursuant to the Fire Services Act 26(1) requirements, each municipal council shall provide a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings in the municipality, the City of Fort St. John will provide a regular system of Fire Life Safety inspections of public buildings.

“public building” means the following:

- a building other than a building that is a private dwelling;
- a structure
 - to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access, or
 - that is used for commercial, industrial or institutional purposes;
 - a facility, including a storage yard or tank farm.

“Hotel” includes:

- an apartment house;
- a residential condominium that has
 - Two or more levels of strata
 - One or more corridors that are common property
- A boarding house, lodging house, club, or any other building except a private dwelling.

OBJECTIVE:

The City of Fort St John will conduct Fire and Life Safety inspections on occupancies to ensure that existing fire and life safety protection measures are acceptable and maintained. When required, corrective measures will be taken to ensure an acceptable degree of fire safety within the premises.

As part of the compliance program, when a deficiency is identified, a time frame based on the life safety risk will be provided to the owner or owner’s representative to remedy those deficiencies. If confirmation indicating deficiencies have been remedied is not received on or before the given time frame, a follow-up inspection(s) may be scheduled to ensure compliance.

INSPECTION FREQUENCY:

Inspection Frequencies shall be determined by the City of Fort St John Fire Chief utilizing a risk-based inspection method. Risk-based inspections shall be categorized as “High,” “Medium,” or “Low” by considering the inherent risk associated with the property and historical code compliance.

The associated risk is determined by the occupancy’s hazard classification and the potential impact of the hazard. (Figure 1)

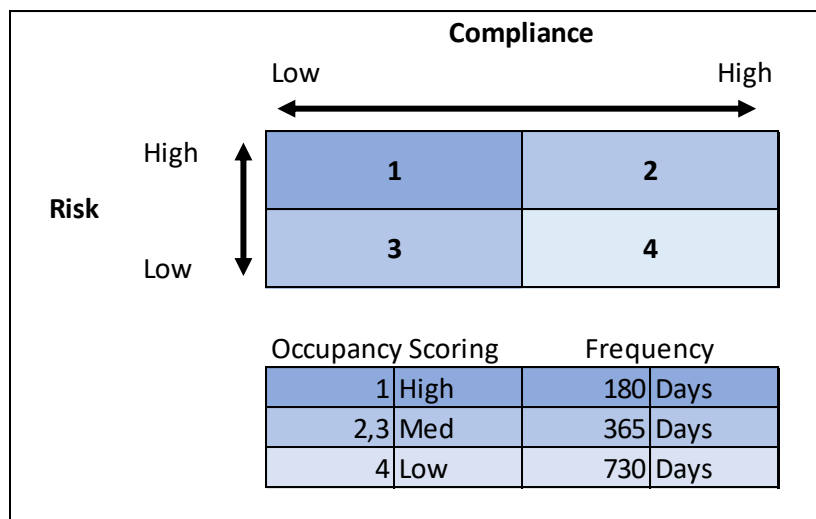


Figure 1