

# WASAGA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



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To All Accommodation Owners/Managers,

The Wasaga Beach Fire Department is reminding accommodation owners and managers of its position regarding guest occupancy loads permitted within accommodation establishments. Authorization allowing the overloading of persons in rental units creates a very dangerous and unsafe environment for all those involved and overloading will not be tolerated.

The Ontario Building Code states:

**“Occupancy Load”, Section 3.1.17.1(1): (b) 2 persons per sleeping room or sleeping area in a dwelling unit or suite, or (c) the number of persons, (i) for which the area is designed.**

Occupancy loads are also applicable to house trailers, tents, hardtop camper units as those units' regulations clearly state maximum sleeping capacities. Furthermore, the Town's Zoning By-law prohibits the use of all accessory structures for the purposes of human habitation.

Be advised that if this Municipality receives a complaint with respect to non-compliance in your establishment, it will have no alternative than to revoke your municipal business licence and proceed with the laying of the necessary charges.

Respectfully,

Michael McWilliam  
Fire Chief