

NOTICE

Building Collapse Reporting

Excessive snowfall this winter has resulted in an increasing number of structural collapses (such as full or partial roof collapses) in buildings across the province. The owner of a building that has experienced a structural collapse is required to submit a report to the Chief Building Administrator for the Province of Alberta on the nature of the collapse and remedial action for building safety as described in the 2006 Alberta Building Code.

Municipalities and other authorities that administer the *Safety Codes Act* are advised to have their building safety codes officer notify the building owner to submit a report to the Chief Building Administrator if a collapse has taken place.

All reports should be submitted to the following address:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Safety Services
16th Floor, Commerce Place
10155 – 102 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4L4
Attention: Chief Building Administrator

1. During the construction, alteration or demolition of any building, including an incomplete or abandoned building, building owners are responsible to take precautions to ensure that no person is exposed to undue risk in accordance with Sentence 8.1.2.2.(1) of Division B of the Alberta Building Code 2006;
2. obtain a building permit from the Authority Having Jurisdiction prior to construction, alteration or demolition including for the removal of construction debris;
3. comply with the *Safety Codes Act* and all other applicable regulations for safety of persons and property.

The report submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs shall include information described in Sentence 2.2.15.1.(2) of Division C of the Alberta Building Code 2006, which states:

2.2.15. Building Failures

2.2.15.1. Reporting Failures

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- 2) If a structural collapse occurs in a *building* regulated by this Code, the *owner* shall submit a report to the *Chief Building Administrator* that includes
- a) the name and address of the *owner* of the *building*,
 - b) the name and address of the *building*,
 - c) if involved, the name and address of
 - i) the *registered architect* who designed the *building*,
 - ii) the *professional engineer* who designed the structure of the *building*,
 - iii) the *professional engineer* who reviewed the construction of the *building*, and
 - iv) the *constructor* who supervised the construction of the *building*,
 - d) the nature of the structural collapse, and
 - e) a description of the remedial action that is being undertaken.

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