

Provincial Fire Safety Management: Office of the Fire Marshal

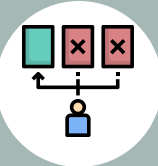
Failing To Manage

The Office of the Fire Marshal is failing to manage fire and building safety



Repeat Issues

Other performance audits in 2001, 2011 had similar findings around management oversight



Inspection Policy

The Office of the Fire Marshal is not following inspection policy



List Incomplete

The Office has an incomplete list of buildings requiring inspections



Risks In Process

Risks remain in building plan review process for new construction and reno projects



Department

Department failing to oversee and monitor compliance to the *Fire Safety Act*



Important

Fire Safety is important for the health and safety of all Nova Scotians

Two of the Key Recommendations from Our Report

- We recommend the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing in collaboration with the Office of the Fire Marshal properly fulfill statutory obligations to protect the public by implementing a comprehensive review of the Office of the Fire Marshal's organizational structure, competencies, and training expectations of management.
- We recommend the Office of the Fire Marshal establish a process requiring building listings be updated regularly for completeness and accuracy.