



# A Campus Fire Safety Message from



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## Haunted Houses

The thrills and entertainment offered by a haunted house are becoming commonly found on campus. The Halloween season generates not only common fire and life safety issues but many unconventional concerns as well, particularly where a haunted house is operated in a building.

Naturally these types of facilities are unique and thus the fire safety concerns are unique. Special attention has to be given to overall exit arrangement and travel distance. Many other factors must be considered as well; exit signs, emergency lighting, combustible interior finish, construction materials, fire detection, use of special effects, adequately trained and supervised staff and established emergency procedures.



OFPC strongly encourages any institution planning an event where a haunted house will be used, to contact the appropriate regional office of the Inspections and Investigations Branch for consultation.

Haunted houses can be a great source of fun and amusement for all ages, however every effort must be made to ensure a fire safe environment. Accordingly, everyone must remain vigilant and be on the lookout for these spooky places, as they have a tendency to mystically and eerily appear from nowhere.

## Don't let a tragedy haunt your party.

*§F101.3 Purpose. The purpose of this code is to establish the minimum requirements consistent with nationally recognized good practice for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises.*

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