



Regulatory Fire & Safety Signage

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Fire Routes

Fire Lane Signs

https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standing-committees/180322tsc1213_0.pdf

- Must consult with Fire Chief to determine specific building requirements



No Parking

Land Use Bylaw (Nova Scotia)

<https://novascotia.ca/dma/pdf/mun-local-government-resource-handbook-5-6.pdf>

- Signs regulating the use of the property may not exceed 0.5m² in area (otherwise a permit is required)

902.490.4210 - Office of the Municipal Clerk

- No specific requirements if it's posted on private property
- They don't enforce on private property



No Smoking

Smoke Free Places Act

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/sfpregs.htm>

Designated Smoking Rooms:

- 21cm x 30cm
- Text includes:
 - DESIGNATED SMOKING ROOM
 - ONLY RESIDENTS PERMITTED
 - NO PERSONS UNDER 19 PERMITTED
 - MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY = (determined by owner)

*Clarifying information:

Nova Scotia has switched to an enforcement program that focuses on allowing smoking in certain places, and if a sign isn't posted there then there is no smoking (less emphasis on the classic "No Smoking" signs)

Towing

Traffic Sign Regulations (MTV)

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/mvtrafficsigns.htm>

- Must have block capital red letters on a white background, with a red border
- Must be used in combination with 'no parking' or 'no stopping' signs
- See information under [No Parking](#)

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- No specific requirements if it's posted on private property



No Dumping

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Potential Fines - Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal Bylaw S-600

<https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/legislation-by-laws/By-lawS-600.pdf>

- Fines range from \$200 up to \$5,000

Underground Parking

Urban Design Guidelines

https://www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation/transportation-projects/TRANSPORTATION_PartA-DesignGuidelines.pdf

- No requirements under the HRM Design Guidelines

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- Transfer to building services
- Said they have no specific requirements, but they follow what is stated in the Building Code

Halifax Building Code - Regulations

<https://novascotia.ca/dma/firesafety/buildingcode/docs/Nova-Scotia-Building-Code-Regulations.pdf>

- Illumination of Exit Signs
 - Exit signs are required to be illuminated continuously while the building is occupied



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Fire Safety Plan Box Provisions

- There are no requirements for fire safety plan boxes

Accessibility Guidelines

Nova Scotia Building Code

https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/bcregs.htm#TOC4_108

Signs that display the International Symbol of Accessibility (to be posted at any accessible feature of the building, such as parking or entrances)



<https://sci-bc-database.ca/wp-content/uploads/Canadian-Standards-Association-Access-Standards-for-the-Built-Environment-2004.pdf>

Sign Configuration, General

- Have a glare-free surface
- Be of uniform design
- When used to give the same type of information within the same facility, be consistently shaped, coloured, and positioned
- Be colour-contrasted with its background
- The level of illumination on signs that depend on incident lighting shall be at least 200 lx.

Letters and Numbers

- Be sans serif
- Have Arabic numbers

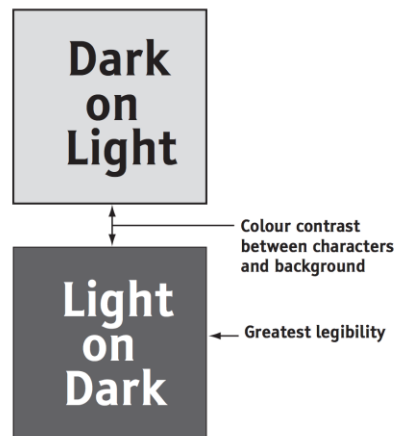


- Have a width-to-height ratio between 3:5 and 1:1
- Have a stroke-width-to-height ratio between 1:5 and 1:10
- Be colour-contrasted by at least 70% with its background
- Have the character height relative to the intended viewing distance
- Use an uppercase "X" for character measurement

Minimum character height, mm	Maximum viewing distance, mm
25	750
50	1500
75	2250
100	3000
150	4500
200	6000
250	7500
300	9000

Colour Contrasts

- Where the background colour of a sign does not contrast significantly with the surrounding surface, a contrasting border around the sign is recommended
- Illuminated red letters should not be used on a black background
- Examples of colours that contrast more than 70%:
 - navy blue with matte white (95%)
 - apple green with white (72%),
 - silver with saddle brown (70%)
 - Colour combinations that should be **avoided** include yellow/grey, yellow/white, blue/green, red/green, black/violet, and red/black.
- Pictograms and symbols shall be colour-contrasted by at least 70% with their background.



Tactile Signs

- Raised 0.8 to 1.5 mm above the surface
- Sans serif
- 16 to 50 mm in height
- Accompanied by Grade 1 Braille near the bottom edge of the sign
- Colour-contrasted with their background by at least 70%

Tactile Signs - Pictograms and Symbols

- Raised 0.8 to 1.5 mm above the surface
- Placed on a sign at least 150 mm in height
- Accompanied by the equivalent description in Grade 1 Braille placed directly below the pictograph or symbol
- Colour-contrasted with their background by at least 70%



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Accessible Parking:

- Must have a white background
- Must have a red circle with a red diagonal line superimposed over a black capital letter "P", above a white and blue disabled person symbol beside the words "accessible parking by permit only" in block capital black letters
- May have 1 or 2 black arrows pointing in the direction or directions in which parking is prohibited without the required identification permit or number plate
- May have block capital black letters and black numerals indicating the length of time, the hours of the day and days of the week during which parking is permitted

Other?

No Trespassing Signs

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- May not exceed 0.5m² in area

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