

Health & Safety Inspection Program – Inspection Signs

Introduction

The purpose of this fact sheet is to describe the Inspection Signs that are used by Health and Safety Inspection Program to inform residents and other agencies of the safety status of residential housing or buildings after an inspection.

Overview

New Brunswick, as part of its approach to disaster recovery, has developed an inspection program. In the days and weeks following a disaster, teams of inspectors visit affected properties and ensure that risks and hazards are known and understood.

The purpose of the inspection program is to ensure that property owners have the information they need to make their home or business safe for reoccupation. The inspection team provides the property owner with a report detailing what has to be done to make it safe for occupation.

Inspection teams consist of a fire inspector, an electrical inspector, an environmental inspector, a public health inspector and a building inspector. Gas or plumbing inspectors may be called in as needed.

Inspection Signs

Health and Safety Inspection Teams will be placing signs on any buildings with outstanding hazards as a result of an inspection.

There are two colours of signs – Yellow and Red.

Yellow Sign: Restricted Use – Safety is questionable or hazardous conditions are believed to exist that require restriction on the occupancy or use of the structure. Entry and use have been restricted as indicated on the placard.

Red Sign: Unsafe/Danger – Extreme hazard or unsafe situation present. Significant risk of further damage or collapse. The property has been deemed unsafe for occupancy or entry, except as authorized by the local building inspectors.

Any inspected building that is assessed as safe for occupancy will not receive a sign.

Inquiries

Any questions concerning these inspection signs can be directed to the Disaster Financial Assistance line at 1-888-553-8558.

Need a reconnection?

Follow these steps:

1. [Register online](#) or call 1-888-298-8555 between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. To apply in person, visit the satellite offices nearest you.
2. Secure a licensed Electrical Contractor.
3. If there is no water damage to any electrical facilities, the licensed Electrical Contractor provides the customer with an e-tag.
4. If there is a need to repair electrical facilities, the customer will have the repairs completed by the contractor. Once up to code, the licensed Electrical Contractor will provide the customer with an e-tag.
5. Call NB Power at 1-800-663-6272 to request reconnection. The customer must provide the e-tag number to initiate the request for reconnection.

6. Ensure the e-tag is accessible. NB Power **must** have the e-tag for reconnection.
7. If you cannot afford to hire an electrical contractor, you may be eligible to claim the expense through the DFA program (you must provide most recent tax assessment). In extreme cases, an Advance Payment form can be completed at your local SNB office.