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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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A construction standpipe will be installed in conformance with BCBC 3.2.5. and BCFC 5.6.1.6 and will be operational before construction of the building exceeds 3 story's above grade and active not more than one floor below the highest forms, staging and similar combustible elements at all times. Standpipes will be accessible on all floor levels and will be wet unless threat of freezing, make procedure available to ensure reactivated when taken off line. Clear access to water valve if system is dry (threat of freezing), signage will be provided when system not charged.

The Fire Department Connection must be adequately signed, properly located, capped, and accessible. Sites must be kept clear of excess debris and combustibles. Flammable liquids and compressed gas cylinders must be secured. A full-time Construction Safety Officer is required to be present on the construction site at all times during construction.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SITE SAFETY PLAN SIGNAGE

Posted construction safety plans, permits, or other approvals provide valuable information for site workers, site visitors, passersby, and neighbouring businesses and residents regarding construction and site safety at a project site. This promotes faster response to complaints, safety concerns, and emergencies as appropriate signage installed on the site provides constructors, city staff, and the public with important information relevant to ongoing construction activities.

The following minimum information must be included on the site posted portion of the Safety Plan:

1. Site civic address with the character size in compliance with Consolidated Building Bylaw No. 4400, 2004. Part 15.1.1
2. Building permit number
3. Names and emergency phone numbers of:
 - Constructor
 - Coordinating Registered Professional, if applicable
 - Construction Safety Officer, if applicable
 - Owner or Owner's Legal Representative

The individuals listed must be available by phone 24 x 7 as primary contacts for West Vancouver Police and/or West Vancouver Fire Rescue in the event of an emergency response to the site.

4. Construction procedure relating to site access (this may be on separate signage), and
5. Accepted hours of operation per the Noise Control Bylaw with space made available to identify any time limited exceptions that may be granted.

Sign location(s) must be visible from the street and near the main entry to the site. Multiple signboards may be required to accommodate all necessary information.

Signage must be:

1. Minimum size of 600 mm x 600 mm
2. Durable for exposure to inclement weather
3. Securely fastened to either:
 - the principal project site trailer
 - Fencing, boarding, or barricades that separates the project from the street, or
 - Plywood that is staked to the ground

The construction safety plan signage and the building permit are to be posted prior to commencement of construction; this includes demolition, and salvage and abatement projects.

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Figure 1.: Example of Construction Safety Plan Signage

