



**University  
of Victoria**

**Facilities  
Management**

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## **Facilities Notice**

**Title:** Decommission of non-code compliant Areas of Refuge

**Location:** Medical Sciences Building

**Description:** Facilities Management recently engaged the services of a safety consulting firm to conduct a building code review of the stairwells presently signed as areas of refuge.

The review concluded that due to changes in the building code and the installation of sprinklers systems in many of our buildings, the present areas of refuge should be decommissioned and the signs removed.

As a result, Areas of Refuge signage will be removed and the Emergency Evacuation Plans will be revised accordingly. The Paint Shop will be patching and painting as required.

**Time frame:** November – December 2015

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