



The owners of Norval club Nashville North were fined \$5,000 for having the establishment over-capacity during a New Year's Eve party in 2015.

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Nashville North pays \$5,000 fine for over capacity

The owners of Nashville North, located on Guelph St. S. in Norval, has been fined \$5,000 for contravening the Ontario Fire Code.

The registered owner of Nashville North at 530 Guelph St., 2264103 Ontario Ltd., was convicted after pleading guilty in the Ontario Court of Justice on Nov. 21, 2016.

The violation was for exceeding the occupancy load for the number of guests in a room or floor space during a 2015 New Year's Eve event.

During the event, the Halton Hills Fire Department attended the club after receiving a complaint of a possible over-capacity situation.

Upon arrival, a check of the counts taken by Nashville North door staff as well as actual counts by Fire Department staff confirmed the over-capacity situation.

The building owner was advised of the charges and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission was also provided information of the incident for their own investigation and action.

Patrons need to know that they will be safe when they frequent such establishments in Halton Hills, mayor Rick Bonnette said.

Fire department staff, through their prevention efforts, ensure businesses are safe through their inspections and stress that business owners must take responsibility to ensure their place of business is and stays safe.

Fires in places like night clubs and halls have been shown to be some of the most deadly when the proper features, systems, and construction materials were not present.

Nightclubs differ from office buildings because they contain a large number of people in one main space.

The Ontario Building Code and Ontario Fire Code puts precautions in place so visitors can evacuate safely in the case of a fire.

These precautions can include working fire alarms and sprinkler systems, clear exits, emergency lights and a fire safety plan.

Building/business owners must take fire safety seriously and ensure the fire safety provisions are in place, fire chief John DeHooze said.

The Halton Hills Fire Department will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors in these establishments.



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