

Fire Department Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for new construction has two potential stages.

These pertain to bringing in non-construction related combustible materials or non-construction related people.

TCO for non-construction related **combustible materials** such as office furniture - Minimum fire & life safety requirements:

1. Fire sprinklers shall be fully operational and have at least partial final approval by the Fire Marshal's Office.
2. Fire emergency access to and through the site, to hydrants and fire protection equipment shall be unobstructed. Portable fire extinguishers shall be mounted and visibly and physically accessible.
3. Documented authorization shall be obtained from a Lead Deputy Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal. Formal TCO approval is guided and finally approved by the Vancouver Building Official.

TCO for bringing non-construction related **people** into the building - Minimum fire & life safety requirements*:

1. Final fire approval received on fire sprinklers and related permits as well as fire alarms and related permits. These permits have a prefix of "FRI".
2. Fire emergency access to and through the site, to hydrants and fire protection equipment shall be unobstructed. Fire lane markings shall be installed and approved.
3. "Child" related permits for tenant improvements not included in the TCO may remain open provided they have "Shell" level protection and notification and portable fire extinguishers.
4. Documented authorization shall be obtained from a Lead Deputy Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshal. Formal TCO approval is guided and finally approved by the Vancouver Building Official.

*Partial TCO for bringing non-construction related people into the building:

1. All fire and life safety features in the area to be occupied shall be completed and approved by the Deputy Fire Marshal to include life safety systems, locks/latches, exit signs and routes, building address, fire extinguishers, and approved physical separation between the TCO area(s) and ongoing construction areas.