

Bill

An act to prevent injury due to snow on top of buildings.

SHORT NAME

This act may be known as the *Snow Injury Prevention Act*.

INTERPRETATION

The following definitions apply to this act:

"Pitch" - The angle of any surface.

"Peak" - The highest point of any surface.

"Snow Stop" - A ridge at least 10 centimeters tall, no more than 20 centimeters tall, and at least 2 centimeters wide to prevent snow from sliding off a surface.

PURPOSE OF ACT

The purpose of this act is to reduce injury due to snow on buildings.

HER MAJESTY

The Queen will accept this act as a law.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

1. All new buildings with a metal roof material and a roof pitch greater than 30 degrees will be fitted with snow stops spaced no more than 50 centimeters apart.
2. All new buildings with any roof material other than metal and a pitch greater than 40 degrees will be fitted with snow stops spaced no more than 50 centimeters apart.
3. If snow stops are less than 20 centimeters wide they will be placed no more than 30 centimeters apart.
4. All snow stops wider than 30 centimeters will be elevated to allow liquids to pass under.
5. All new buildings with snow stops must have a snow stop within 1 meter of any edge of the roof excluding the peak.
6. All new buildings will be able to hold the weight of at least 80 centimeters of snow on the roof.
7. All new buildings with a roof pitch less than 20 degrees must be able to hold the weight of at least 200 centimeters of snow on the roof.

IN FORCE

This bill will go into effect 14 days after its Royal Assent.

REASONS FOR PASSING THIS BILL

If this bill is passed there will be considerably less injuries due to snow falling from buildings or collapsing buildings. Canada gets a considerable amount of snow each year and snow often falls off of buildings posing a risk to anyone close to the edge of the building. Snow will stay on roofs of buildings. If a building gets a large amount of snow on it will likely fall off or the building will be able to hold its weight.