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Update on Furnaces for Construction Heat

As the industry moves closer to the heating season, BILD Alberta and the Sheet Metal Contractors' Association have been working with Municipal Affairs on a furnace activation process and a STANDATA that will include background information on the issue, activation process and guidance both for the industry and the Safety Codes Officers as it applies to new homes and renovations.

We are anticipating that the STANDATA will be available in early October and will disseminate as soon as it is published.

BILD Alberta and the Sheet Metal Contractors' Association have agreed to abide by the point of activation for a furnace as arrived at by the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) and CHBA National. The furnace can be activated after drywall priming and/or texturing is complete in the house.

The province is firm on the point that a furnace used prior to drywall priming and texture could be infringed by a Safety Codes Officer. This includes a furnace used strictly as a construction heater and removed prior to occupancy.

BILD Alberta would like to gather information on alternative methods of construction heat and share these throughout the province with members. ***If you are experimenting with an alternative method please contact Joan through the information below.***

For further background on this issue please refer to:

- BILD Alberta Bulletin - [Furnace for Construction Heat](#)

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