



INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS
IT'S THE LAW

Only *working* smoke alarms can save your life!

Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

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Homeowners

It is the responsibility of homeowners to install and maintain smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside sleeping areas.

Landlords

It is the responsibility of landlords to ensure their rental properties comply with the law.

Tenants

If you are a tenant of a rental property and do not have the required number of smoke alarms, contact your landlord immediately. It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FIRE CODE SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS COULD RESULT IN A TICKET FOR \$360 OR A FINE OF UP TO \$50,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS OR \$100,000 FOR CORPORATIONS.

- When installing smoke alarms, refer to the manufacturer's instructions for information about correct placement.
- Test your smoke alarms every month using the test button.
- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least once a year, and whenever the low-battery warning chirps.
- Smoke alarms don't last forever. They are required to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer. This is usually ten years.
- When replacing interconnected smoke alarms, it is advisable to replace all units in the system at the same time. If you need to replace a single malfunctioning alarm, make sure the new alarm is compatible with the existing units.
- If your smoke alarm frequently activates when you're cooking, **DO NOT REMOVE THE BATTERY**. Consider moving the alarm to another location or replacing it with a photoelectric unit.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SMOKE ALARMS,
CONTACT YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

