

SMOKE ALARMS



In an emergency, seconds count; a functioning smoke alarm can be the difference in preventing a tragedy in your home. Smoke alarms save lives by giving residents time to escape the fire. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half.

Did you know?

- › Roughly 3 out of 5 fire-related deaths happen in homes where smoke alarms are either not installed or not working.

Installing your smoke alarm

- › Smoke alarms must be installed on every level of your home where people sleep. Place them on a ceiling or high up on a wall close to every sleeping area. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- › Keep smoke alarms a reasonable distance from bathrooms, heating appliances, windows, ceiling fans, kitchen or garage. The fumes, steam or exhaust could cause a false alarm.
- › Dual/combo detectors can sense both smoke and carbon monoxide. These types of detectors can save space and provide extra protection within a home.
- › An ionizing smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires. A photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm are recommended.
- › Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing smoke alarms.

Basic smoke alarm maintenance

- › Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- › Replace the batteries yearly or when the detector is chirping.
- › Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years or sooner, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Have an escape plan

- › Prepare a plan which includes two ways out of each room, a outside meeting place and a plan to call 9-1-1 when you are safe.
- › Practise your plan at least twice a year with all members of your family.



The sound of a smoke alarm

- › Each smoke alarm produces a slightly different tone. Familiarize yourself with the sound of your smoke alarm when testing it.
- › If you are hard-of-hearing or otherwise unable to hear the alarm, consider installing a smoke alarm that is equipped with a strobe light to alert you to the potential danger.
- › When your smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out. Follow your home escape plan to safely exit your home.

Smoke alarm maintenance in rental units

For Tenants:

- › As a tenant, your landlord may ask you to witness their smoke alarm testing and to sign their records indicating you were present at the time of the sounding. Tenants must never tamper with a smoke alarm; if your smoke alarm is not working properly, contact your landlord immediately.

For Landlords:

- › Written records are required and must be kept as per Section 17 of Bylaw 7990. Upon request, landlords shall produce the written records, including the tenant's signature or notation of sticker, to verify the inspection. If the tenant is not present at the time of the inspection, the landlord shall place a sticker indicating the month of the inspection inside the smoke alarm's cover. Keep in mind the sticker must not interfere with the operation of the smoke alarm. If a tenant is present but declines to provide a signature on the landlord's records, it is recommended to have a second signature witnessing the tenant's refusal.



Learn more at saskatoon.ca/smokealarms

**IN AN EMERGENCY,
CALL 9-1-1.**



Remember to test your smoke alarm monthly:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> January | <input type="checkbox"/> April | <input type="checkbox"/> July | <input type="checkbox"/> October |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> May | <input type="checkbox"/> August | <input type="checkbox"/> November |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March | <input type="checkbox"/> June | <input type="checkbox"/> September | <input type="checkbox"/> December |

Annual battery change: _____ (date)

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