

- Each home must have at least one working smoke alarm located on every level of your home where people sleep.
- "Smoke alarms within dwelling units shall be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the dwelling unit, and where the sleeping areas are served by hallways, the smoke alarms shall be installed in the hallways." (Sentence 2.1.3.3
 [2] of the National Fire Code of Canada 2005)
- "Smoke alarms shall be inspected, tested and maintained in conformance with CAN/ULC-S552, 'Maintenance and Testing of Smoke Alarms'." (Sentence 6.7.1.1 [1] of the National Fire Code of Canada 2005)
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing smoke alarms.
- Because smoke rises, mount alarms high on a wall or on the ceiling.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Avoid installing smoke alarms near the bathroom, a heating appliance, window, ceiling fan, kitchen or garage. The fumes, steam or exhaust could cause a false alarm.



How do I maintain my smoke alarms?

- Test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries annually or when the detector is chirping, indicating that the battery is low.
- Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years.



How often must landlords inspect tenant smoke alarms?

- In Saskatoon, smoke alarms installed with a permanent electrical connection or tamper-proof smoke alarms with a 10-year lithium battery must be inspected and have deficiencies corrected at least once every 12 months. Battery operated alarms must be inspected and have deficiencies corrected at least every three months.
- Upon request, landlords must produce a report, 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 must place a fire department issued sticker indicating the month of the inspection inside the smoke alarm's cover.



What should I do if my smoke alarm sounds?

- Get out and stay out.
- Prepare a plan which includes two ways out of each room, a meeting place and a plan to call 9-1-1 when you are safe.
- Practise your plan at least twice a year.

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What should I know about smoke alarms?

- Smoke alarms save lives by giving people time to escape the fire.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half.
- About two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no 'working' smoke alarms.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination alarm are recommended.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries annually.

Remember to test your smoke alarm monthly:

JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	
MARCH	
APRIL	
MAY	
JUNE	
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	
DECEMBER	

Annual battery change:







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