

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Fact Sheet



Smoke alarms are vital to fire safety at home. They are the best line of defence to alert your family to evacuate. They save lives.

It is important to ensure every area of your home is covered by a smoke alarm. A fire can start in any room. To increase your chances of escaping safely, follow these tips from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
 - Install smoke alarms on every level of your home.
 - Test smoke alarms using the test button at least once a month or as recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Change the battery at least once a year. If the alarm chirps regularly, this is the signal for a low-battery and/or the unit needs to be changed.
 - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning. Keeping your smoke alarm clean makes a big difference.
- Check the age of your smoke alarm. If it is 10 years or older, it needs to be replaced.
 - Immediately replace any smoke alarm that does not respond properly when tested.
 - Make sure everyone in the home recognizes the sound of a smoke alarm. They must understand what the warning sound of the alarm means and how to respond.
 - When you hear a smoke alarm warning, get outside immediately and stay outside. Then call 9-1-1 immediately.
 - Use smoke alarms that can be interconnected by hard-wiring or wireless technology. When one interconnected smoke alarm sounds, every smoke alarm in the building will sound.