

Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms in Residential Buildings

The Government of Saskatchewan recently amended *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Regulations* to require every building with a residential occupancy to have carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms installed by July 1, 2022, regardless of the initial date of the building's construction.

Residential occupancies are rented or owned buildings with sleeping quarters such as:

- houses
- duplexes
- apartments
- condominiums
- townhouses
- motels and hotels

Building owners can install either a device which alerts to both CO and smoke or individual CO alarms and smoke alarms. The number and location of devices must be installed according to the requirements of the *National Building Code of Canada* (NBC).

As well, owners can use alarms with an installed 10-year battery, as long as the building is not already required by the NBC or a municipal bylaw to have a hardwired CO or smoke alarm.

To check NBC requirements for your residence, please contact the R.M. of Cana's Building Official:

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