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- ***Protect** yourself and your **family** - The Ontario Fire Code requires every home to have working smoke alarms
- *Most **fatal fires** occur at **night** when people are sleeping, a working alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm to alert you and give you precious time to escape.
- *There are many types of detectors each with different features - electrically connected, battery powered or a combination of both. This **combination** - and a **pause feature** to reduce nuisance alarms - are recommended.
- ***One smoke alarm is not enough.** There must be one on every **level** and near each **sleeping** area. If you sleep with the bedroom door closed, install an alarm inside the bedroom
- *Because **smoke rises**, you should install alarms on the ceiling, if not possible place them high on the wall.
- ***Test** your smoke alarms **regularly**
- ***Change the battery** regularly - when you change your clock, change the battery
- *Smoke alarms do not last forever - recommended life **not more than 10 years**
- ***Plan your escape.** Make sure that everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to do if a fire occurs. Regularly **practice** your home fire escape plan.



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