



## Is your smoke alarm sleeping on the job?

**Wake up!** Fire prevention at home is *your* responsibility.

This year, as part of the **Alarmed & Ready** program, New Brunswick firefighters are going door-to-door to make sure homes have working smoke alarms. They'll even replace dead batteries wherever they can.

Follow the tips inside to protect your family and home from fire. Do it today – because **fire safety starts with you.**

## Smoke Alarm Smarts

- ✓ Install smoke alarms outside bedrooms and on every level of your home, including the basement.
- ✓ Smoke rises, so place alarms on the ceiling according to the manufacturer's instructions. Don't place alarms near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows or ceiling fans.
- ✓ Gently vacuum your smoke alarms every six months to remove dust.
- ✗ Never paint over a smoke alarm.
- ✗ Don't use rechargeable batteries in smoke alarms; they can fail without warning.
- ✓ Replace batteries when you change your clocks in the spring and fall.
- ✓ Test your smoke alarms monthly to make sure they are working.
- ✓ Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- ✓ Use only smoke alarms that have been tested and approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada (ULC) or the Canadian Standards Association (CSA).
- ✓ Test your smoke alarms while the family is sleeping. One test will verify if they will hear the alarm and escape from a fire in time.

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Most deadly fires happen at night, while people are sleeping. Victims may never wake up because of the poisonous gases in smoke.

Smoke alarms can protect you, but only if they are properly installed and maintained. And remember – **have an escape plan and practice with your family!**

For more information on fire safety, visit [www.besmartbesafe.ca](http://www.besmartbesafe.ca).

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