



Smoke Alarm Facts

- **IT'S THE LAW:** In every BC residence, smoke alarms must be installed and maintained outside all sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and batteries replaced at least once per year.
- Smoke alarms do not last forever. Replace any alarms over 10 years old, whether battery operated or hardwired into your home's electrical system.
- Your likelihood of surviving a fire increases by 74% with a functioning smoke alarm.
- Never take down an alarm or remove batteries to silence a false alarm caused by cooking or shower steam. Only install smoke alarms with a Hush button...simply push the button to stay safe while you clear the air.



Tragically, people lose their lives every year because they do not have smoke alarms, or, they have tampered with them by removing the batteries or taking them down from the ceiling.

Don't let this happen to you!

Keep your family protected by having smoke alarms installed outside all sleeping areas, making sure they are fully powered and less than 10 years old.



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Research shows us that smoke alarms save lives in the event of a residential structure fire.

A study of almost 50,000 fires in B.C., Alberta and Ontario from 2006 to 2011, involving 663 deaths, revealed that the death rate per 1,000 fires was **74%** higher in cases where there wasn't a working smoke alarm.

These provinces represent about 62% of the Canadian population.

Based on these findings, it is estimated that a working fire alarm in every Canadian home would reduce annual residential fire deaths by **32%** and save approximately **69 lives**.

Protect your family today!
Testing a smoke alarm is as easy as **1-2-3!**



STEP 1

Check to see if there is a smoke alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

STEP 2

Use a broom handle or stick to push the test button on the smoke alarm. It should sound, and go into alarm mode, if it is functioning properly.

STEP 3

Document when you tested the smoke alarm, and keep a log of your tests, including when you changed the battery.



Test monthly, change batteries annually & replace smoke alarms every 10 years!