

# The City of Prince Albert Smoke Alarm Regulations



## KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 22 of the Fire and Emergency Services Bylaw has introduced new responsibilities regarding the placement, maintenance and functionality of smoke alarms.

**Effective September 30, 2009**

### LANDLORDS:

Smoke alarms must be installed and maintained between each sleeping area and where sleeping areas are served by hallways the smoke alarms shall be installed in the hallways

Smoke alarms must be free from paint, grease, dirt and physical damage

Smoke alarms must be installed with permanent connections to an electrical circuit, be without a disconnect switch between the circuit panel and the smoke alarm and have a battery back-up.

If an rental unit is vacated, all smoke alarms in the rental unit must be inspected before it is re-occupied.

- \* The owner of a building (or the owners authorized agent) must conduct a smoke alarm inspection and testing and maintain a record of all inspections and tests required in Section 22.
- \* New tenants must sign a form supplied by the owner of the building (or the owner's authorized agent) confirming that the smoke alarm is in working condition.

Smoke alarm inspection forms must contain the address of the premises being inspected, the date of the inspection, the name of the person conducting the inspection, the condition, operation and deficiencies if any and corrective measures taken to correct the deficiencies.

Inspection forms must be immediately produced when requested by Fire Inspectors

After September 30, 2009, smoke alarms shall be hard-wired in the rental unit

After acquiring a property, landlords will have 90 days to comply with this bylaw . Failure to have a hardwired smoke alarm after the 90 day period shall result in a \$250.00 fine.



**SMOKE ALARMS  
SAVE LIVES**

Landlords have 48hrs to replace or repair an inoperable smoke alarm once notified by the tenant.

After March 31, 2010 hard wired smoke alarms will be required to have a hush feature for all rental properties.